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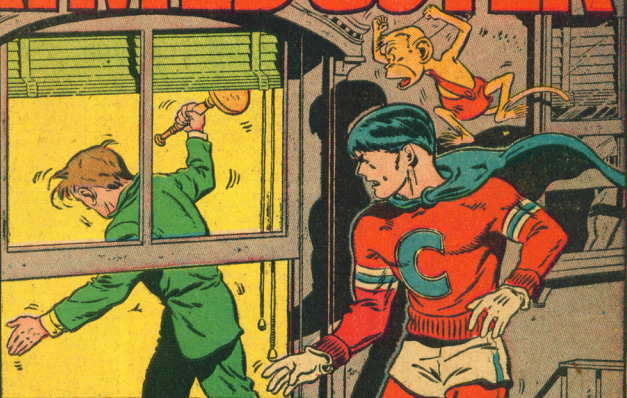
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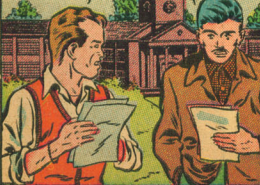
SOME SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE SAY THAT TROUBLE COMES IN THREES! NOT BEING THAT WAY MYSELF, I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT TROUBLE SOMETIMES HAS A WAY OF GAINING MOMENTUM AND CAN FLOOD YOU OVER LIKE A TIDAL WAVE IF NOT CHECKED IN TIME! IT'S EASY TO MISTAKE TROUBLE FOR ADVENTURE. A BOY WHO SAILS HIS HOME-MADE RAFT DOWN THE STREAM IS LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE, BUT IF HE WERE SAILING DOWN THE NIAGARA RAPIDS ON HIS SAME LITTLE RAFT, HEADED FOR THE FALLS, HE'D BE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! THERE ARE TWO SOFT-HEADED ADVENTURERS IN THIS CRIMEBUSTER STORY WHO COULDN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE—AND ODDLY ENOUGH, THEIR TROUBLE CAME IN THREE PACKAGES!

Charles Biro

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"THIS IS IT, LOU! THE DEAN REQUESTS THAT I LEAVE STATE UNIVERSITY IN VIEW OF MY POOR SCHOLASTIC RECORD!"

"SAME HERE! FLUNKED OUT! WHAT I NEED IS A GOOD STIFF DRINK! C'MON!"



"THAT'S ALL, BOYS! THE BAR'S CLOSED!"



"VERY UNHOSPITABLE! BUT I KNOW WHERE I CAN BUY A BOTTLE!"

"TOOK ALL OUR DOUGH, BUT I GOT IT! NICE"

"GIMME! I WANNA NICE DRINK!"



WATCH OUT! YOU'LL...NOW SEE WHATCHA DID!



ALL GONE! AN' I NEVER HAD A DRINK!

NOW WHADDA WE GONNA DO? *MAC*: NO MOOLA, AN' NO LIQUOR, AN' NO SCHOOL!



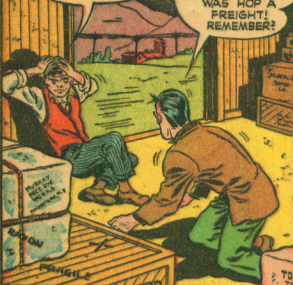
AW, I WAS SICK OF COLLEGE ANYWAY! WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS TRAVEL... SHAY...

WHAT'S TO KEEP US FROM HOPPIN' A FREIGHT RIGHT NOW! JUST GO WHEREVER IT TAKES US!



WUNNERFUL IDEA! NO MORE STUDYIN'! NO MORE SCUR-FACED PROFS! LET'S DO IT! THERE'S ONE NOW!

OH! MY POOR HEAD! HEY! WHERE ARE WE?



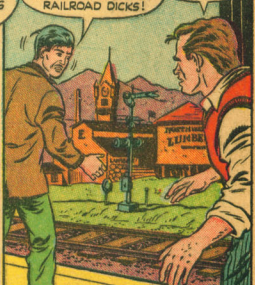
HUH? OH I KNOW! LAST THING WE DECIDED TO DO WAS HOP A FREIGHT! REMEMBER?

WHEW! HAVE WE TRAVELED! WE'RE NEARLY OUT TO THE COAST ALL READY!



GOOD! WE'LL BE STOPPING SOON! I'M HUNGRY AS A WOLF!

PSST! C'MON, KEN! LET'S SCRAM BEFORE WE GET CAUGHT BY RAILROAD DICKS!



COMING!

BOY! IT'S AWFUL TO BE HUNGRY AND BROKE!



CHEER UP! WE'LL MAKE OUT OKAY! LET'S FOLLOW THAT GANG OF MEN AHEAD!

HERE'S WHERE WE EAT, KEN!



BUT, LOU, WHAT'LL WE USE FOR MONEY?

LOOK, MAC! WE'RE A COUPLE OF HUNGRY GUYS! IF YOU'LL GIVE US SOME FOOD, WE'LL WASH THE DISHES, SCRUB THE FLOOR... ANYTHING!



SCRAM! NO MONEY... NO FOOD! NO BUMS ALLOWED!

WE'RE NOT BUMS! HONEST! WE'RE LOOKING FOR WORK IF...



GET OUTTA HERE OR I'LL THROW YOU OUT!



HOLD ON A MINUTE THERE, JIM!

I'LL PAY FOR THEIR GRUB! SIT DOWN, BOYS!

THANKS A LOT! WE REALLY ARE HUNGRY!

YOU SAID IT! BUT WE'LL PAY YOU BACK AS SOON AS WE GET A JOB!



MY NAME'S BINK DODSON! I WORK UP AT THE LUMBER CAMP! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WORK, I CAN FIX IT! YOU LOOK STRONG ENOUGH AND YOU'LL CATCH ON FAST!

GEE, THAT WOULD BE SWELL, BINK! I'M LOU DRAPER, AND THIS IS KEN HENDRICKS



WELL, NOW THAT YOU'RE ON THE PAYROLL, COME ON DOWN TO MY SHACK AND MEET MY WIFE, MARIE!



HI, HONEY! I WANT YOU TO MEET A COUPLE OF NEW BOYS—KEN AND LOU!



I'M CERTAINLY GLAD TO MEET YOU!

I'M GLAD YOU CAME! YOU'LL STAY FOR DINNER, WON'T YOU?

SURE, SURE, THEY WILL, MARIE!



LOOK! INSTEAD OF LIVING UP AT THE BUNKHOUSE, WHY DON'T YOU STAY WITH US? WE HAVE AN EXTRA ROOM!

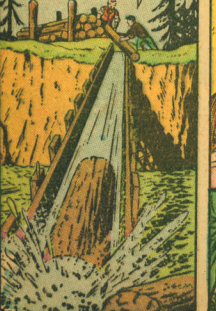
IT SOUNDS SWELL, BUT WOULDN'T IT BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR MARIE?

DON'T BE SILLY! MAKE IT A BUSINESS DEAL! \$15 A MONTH FOR ROOM AND BOARD!



GEE, BINK'S A REGULAR GUY!

AND MARIE'S QUITE A GAL! IMAGINE A SLICK LITTLE NUMBER LIKE HER IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!



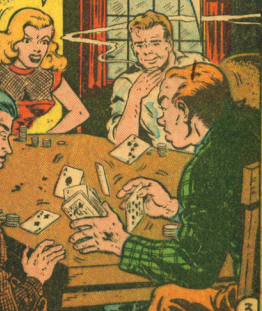
THIS PAY ENVELOPE SURE LOOKS GOOD! NOW WE CAN PAY YOU THE MONEY WE OWE YOU!

THERE'S NO HURRY—BUT TONIGHT WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE GAME OF POKER, HUH? MARIE LOVES TO PLAY!



BINK! YOU'RE SO CLUMSY! YOU KEEP DROPPING THE CARDS!

I GOT LUMBERMAN'S HANDS, HONEY! GOOD WITH AN AXE, BUT NO GOOD WITH CARDS!





YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE CARDS, LOU! YOU'RE REALLY SMOOTH!

IT'S JUST A KNACK, MARIE!



THAT FINISHES ME!

HOLD ON, BINK! I WAS JUST LUCKY! HERE, TAKE \$45 OF THIS BACK! CALL IT THREE MONTHS RENT IN ADVANCE FOR US!

WHY THAT'S AWFULLY NICE OF YOU, LOU!



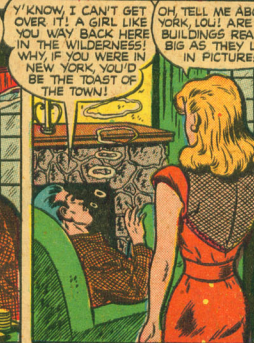
HEY! IT'S NEAR TIME FOR THE FIGHTS DOWN AT THE CAMP! HOW ABOUT GOIN' TO WATCH THEM?

SWELL! YOU KNOW I HATE FIGHTS! I'LL STAY HOME!



LOU, AREN'T YOU COMING?

NOT TONIGHT! I'M PRETTY TIRED—THINK I'LL HIT THE SACK EARLY! RUN ALONG AND HAVE FUN!



Y'KNOW, I CAN'T GET OVER IT! A GIRL LIKE YOU WAY BACK HERE IN THE WILDERNESS! WHY, IF YOU WERE IN NEW YORK YOU'D BE THE TOAST OF THE TOWN!

OH, TELL ME ABOUT NEW YORK, LOU! ARE THE BUILDINGS REALLY AS BIG AS THEY LOOK IN PICTURES?



I GUESS I'VE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING ABOUT NEW YORK! YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BINK TO TAKE YOU THERE SOME DAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

HUH, BINK! ALL HE EVER THINKS ABOUT 'IS CHOPPING DOWN TREES AND OWNING HIS OWN CAMP SOME DAY! HE'LL NEVER TAKE ME EAST! I WISH I HAD NEVER MARRIED HIM!



WHY, YOU DON'T MEAN THAT, MARIE! BINK'S A GREAT GUY—AND HE'S CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

BINK, BINK, BINK! THAT'S ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT! HE'S JUST A BIG CLUMSY OX! THE ONLY GOOD THING HE EVER DID WAS TO BRING YOU HERE TO STAY!



I'VE LIKED MEETING YOU, TOO, MARIE! I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS YOU!

MISS ME? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE! OH, YOU CAN'T LEAVE, LOU!



I'VE GOT TO, MARIE! KEN AND I WANT TO TRAVEL AROUND! WE'LL BE SHOVING OFF ANY DAY NOW! WANT TO HEAD EAST TO NEW YORK!

IF YOU GO, TAKE ME WITH YOU! TAKE ME TO NEW YORK, TOO!

MARIE! YOU MUST BE CRAZY! I COULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT TO BINK! NOT AFTER ALL HE'S DONE FOR ME!



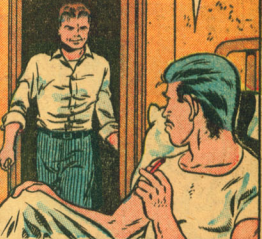
BUT I DON'T WANT TO STAY WITH BINK! I WON'T STAY WITH BINK! I'LL RUN AWAY IF YOU GO!

WELL, I CAN'T STOP YOU IF YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAPPY WITH BINK! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT—WHEN WE LEAVE, I'LL WRITE AND LET YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE! IF YOU WANT TO MEET US, ALL RIGHT! ONLY YOU CAN'T GO WITH US!



OH LOU, YOU'RE WONDERFUL! WHATEVER YOU SAY!

STILL AWAKE? THE FIGHTS WERE SWELL! YOU SHOULD'VE COME ALONG!



SOME OTHER TIME! SAY, I HAD QUITE A TALK WITH MARIE!

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF WE LEFT HERE AND MARIE WERE TO JOIN US A LITTLE LATER ON?

WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY? WHAT ABOUT BINK? WHY OF ALL THE ROTTEN...



IN THE FIRST PLACE, I LIKE WORKING HERE, AND I LIKE BINK! I COULD GO FOR MARIE MYSELF, BUT SHE'S BINK'S WIFE! YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON MARIE—TELLING HER A LOT OF SILLY STUFF! LAY OFF IT, OR THERE'LL BE TROUBLE!



I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE! I'LL DO AS I PLEASE! GOOD NIGHT!



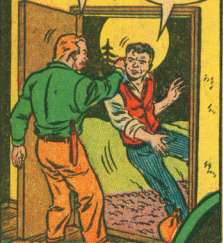
*Now—
I'm leaving before
there's trouble! I'll
take my advice
and quit trying to
steal Marie from
Bink. Now*



GOTCHA!

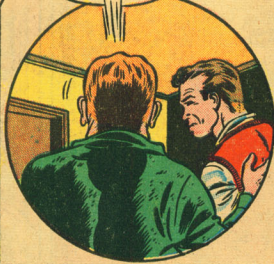
HEY!! LEGGO!!

KEN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHAT'S THE IDEA? I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SNEAK THIEF!



AW, I JUST WANTED TO LEAVE HERE, BINK—GOT AN ITCHY HEEL AND I HATE GOODBYES!

YOU'RE CRAZY, KEN! YOU CAN'T LEAVE LIKE THAT! HEY, MARIE! HEY, LOU!



LOU! WAKE UP! I NEED YOU TO TALK SOME SENSE TO THIS CRAZY PAL OF YOURS!

HUH?



COME ON TO BED, KEN, AND WE'LL TALK THIS OVER IN THE MORNING! YOU CAN'T LEAVE LIKE THIS!



OKAY, FELLOWS, YOU WIN!

THE NOTE!

NOT SO FAST! A FAREWELL NOTE, I BET! LET'S SEE IT!

NO!



"DEAR LOU, I'M LEAVING BEFORE THERE'S TROUBLE... BUT..."



STEAL MARIE FROM ME, WOULD YOU? I'M GONNA KILL YOU!

NO, BINK, NO!

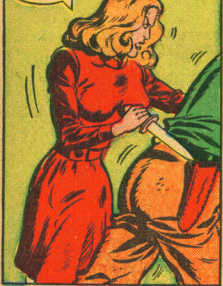


STOP! STOP IT, BINK! IF YOU DON'T, I'LL KILL YOU!

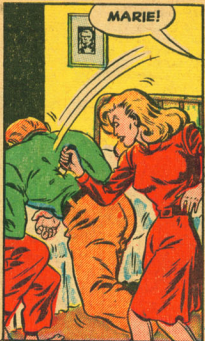
NO ONE CAN STOP ME!



I WARN YOU, BINK!
I'LL KILL YOU!



MARIE!



LOU! LOU DARLING!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HE'S ALL RIGHT,
BUT WHAT ABOUT BINK?
I THINK HE'S DEAD!

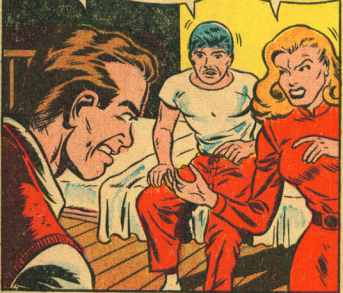


I TOLD YOU THERE'D BE TROUBLE!

IT'S YOUR FAULT!
LEAVING A NOTE LIKE THAT!

QUIET! BOTH OF YOU!
WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE
HOW TO GET RID OF
BINK'S BODY!

EVERYTHING! THEY'LL FIND HIM
FLOATING DOWNSTREAM!
IT'LL LOOK LIKE THE JOB OF
A STICK-UP GUY! POCKETS
STRIPPED, KNIFE HIDDEN!
TOSS HIM IN!



YOU'RE SURE WE'VE
DONE EVERY-
THING?



THAT'S THAT! I'LL
REPORT HIM MISSING
TOMORROW!

I STILL THINK
YOU SHOULD'VE
REPORTED IT TO
THE POLICE!

AND LET
MARIE FACE A
MURDER CHARGE!
NUTS! THIS IS
A MUCH
BETTER
WAY!

MR. DENVERS!
MR. DENVERS! WE
JUST FOUND BINK
DODSON'S BODY IN
THE RIVER! STABBED
IN THE BACK
AND ROBBED!

HIS POOR
WIFE! SHE
REPORTED HIM
MISSING THIS
MORNING,
BUT I NEVER
DREAMED THIS
WOULD HAPPEN!
BEFORE I NOTIFY
HER, I'D BETTER
CALL THE POLICE!

I KNOW THIS IS
YOUR VACATION, C.B.,
BUT HOW'D YOU
LIKE TO COME OUT
ON A CASE WITH
ME? A MURDER
OUT AT THE
LUMBER
CAMP!

SURE, IF I CAN GO
INCOGNITO! LOOVER
TOLD ME HE'D NOT
LET ME IN ON
ANOTHER CASE IF HE
CAUGHT ME WORKING
DURING MY VACATION!





SMARTER TO GET BINK'S WIFE AND THOSE OTHER BIRDS OUT SO I COULD PROWL AROUND!

HEY, SQUEAKS! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE?

SQUEEK SQUEEK



SQUEAKS MAY BE GIVING ME A BUM STEER, BUT IT'S WORTH CHECKING! IT MAY BE HIS BLOOD, BUT IF HE WAS MURDERED HERE WHERE WOULD THE KNIFE BE HIDDEN?



SQUEAKS, YOU DARLING—YOU'VE FOUND IT!



BUT TRY TO BE MORE CAREFUL! YOU LITTLE APE—YOU ALMOST GAVE ME A HOT FOOT!



YOU CRACKED THE CASE, C.B.! THE LAB REPORT SHOWED THE SCRAPINGS TO BE BINK'S BLOOD! AND LOU'S PRINTS WERE ON THE KNIFE! WE'LL BE GETTING A CONFESSION ANY MINUTE NOW! MARIE, LOU AND KEN ARE BEING QUESTIONED INSIDE!



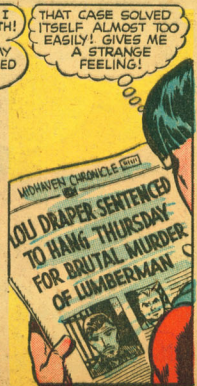
ALL RIGHT! I'LL TALK! LOU DID IT! HE'S MY BUDDY AND I DIDN'T WANT TO SQUEAL, BUT I WON'T TAKE THE RAP FOR HIM! HE KILLED BINK IN COLD BLOOD!

IT'S A LIE!



TELL THEM, MARIE! TELL THEM IT'S A LIE! TELL THEM HOW YOU DID IT TO SAVE MY LIFE!

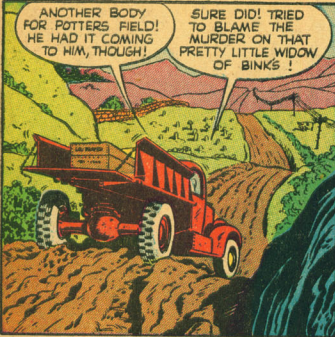
I'M SORRY, LOU, BUT I MUST TELL THE TRUTH! WHAT KEN SAYS IS TRUE! LOU KILLED MY HUSBAND! HE THREATENED TO KILL ME, TOO, IF I TALKED!



THAT CASE SOLVED ITSELF ALMOST TOO EASILY! GIVES ME A STRANGE FEELING!



I'M INNOCENT! I DIDN'T KILL HIM!



ANOTHER BODY FOR POTTERS FIELD! HE HAD IT COMING TO HIM, THOUGH!

SURE DID! TRIED TO BLAME THE MURDER ON THAT PRETTY LITTLE WIDOW OF BINK'S!



SAINTS PRESERVE US! THE DEVIL'S IN THERE!

SCRATCH SCRATCH

WE..WE'D BETTER OPEN IT UP!



GOOD HEAVENS! HE'S ALIVE, BUT THE DOCTOR PRONOUNCED HIM DEAD!

WE'D BETTER TAKE HIM BACK, I..I GUESS!

LOU DRAPER
1921 - 1944



AS SOON AS I COLLECT MY INSURANCE MONEY ON BINK, WE CAN GET MARRIED AND GO EAST!

LISTEN!

FLASH! LOU DRAPER, HANGED THIS AFTERNOON AND PRONOUNCED DEAD, IS ALIVE AND FREE!



SINCE HE HAS OFFICIALLY PAID FOR HIS CRIME, HE CANNOT BE PUNISHED AGAIN! FURTHER REPORTS FOLLOW!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

IF HE EVER FINDS US, HE'LL KILL US!



DON'T DARE GO TO THE STATION! WE CAN HOP A PASSING FREIGHT! HERE'S ONE COMING NOW!

I FEEL AS THOUGH WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED!

1945
1946



DOCTOR! IT'S KEN HENDRICKS AGAIN! ALL BEATEN UP AS USUAL!

GOOD HEAVENS! THIS IS THE FOURTH MONTH IN A ROW! WELL, SHOW HIM IN!

TWO YEARS LATER IN NEW YORK CITY...



I'LL FIX YOU UP HENDRICKS! BUT DON'T TRY AND GIVE ME THAT DRUNKEN BRAWL STORY AGAIN! I'VE CHECKED UP AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I KNOW YOU DON'T DRINK!

PLEASE, DOC! JUST FIX ME UP AND DON'T ASK QUESTIONS! I GOT TROUBLES ENOUGH! ALL YOU'LL DO IS MAKE 'EM WORSE!



WHOM ARE YOU TRYING TO SHIELD? WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE POLICE FOR PROTECTION? MY RECORDS SHOW THAT THIS HAPPENS TO YOU AROUND THE TWENTIETH OF EVERY MONTH! WHAT'S THE REAL STORY?

I CAN'T TELL YOU, DOC! PLEASE DON'T ASK!

HELLO, LOOVER? THIS IS DR. MILNE! REMEMBER I HELPED YOU ON A POISON DIAGNOSIS ONCE, AND YOU SAID IF YOU COULD EVER DO ME A FAVOR YOU WOULD? WELL, HERE'S THE FAVOR! I HAVE A PECULIAR CASE!

GOOD HEAVENS, MILNE! I ADMIT I OWE YOU A FAVOR, BUT I HAVEN'T TIME TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE OF A BUM WHO GETS INTO BARROOM BRAWLS! CALL THE LOCAL POLICE FOR THAT!

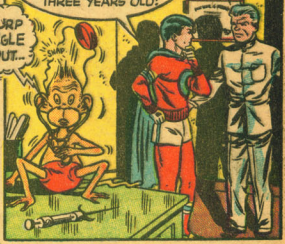
WHY NOT LET ME DO IT FOR YOU, LOOVER?

YOU SAY HIS NAME IS KENNETH HENDRICKS? I HANDLED A CASE OUT WEST TWO YEARS AGO THAT INVOLVED A KEN HENDRICKS AS A WITNESS—CHAP ABOUT TWENTY—THREE YEARS OLD!

COULDN'T BE THE SAME! THIS CHAP LOOKS ABOUT FORTY!



BLURP GURGLE SPUT...



HE LIVES AT 11 LANE STREET! USED TO LIVE AT 29 BARRON! HE HAS NO KNOWN RELATIVES AND RARELY GOES OUT! I'M SURE

DO YOU EVER DELIVER ICE TO A MR. HENDRICKS THAT LIVES AT 11 LANE STREET?

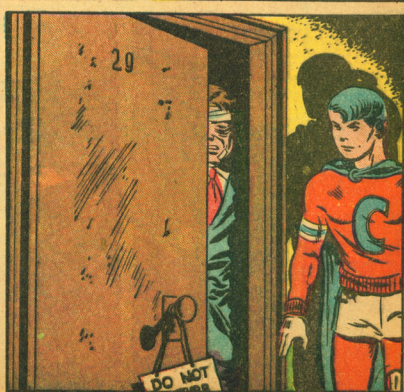
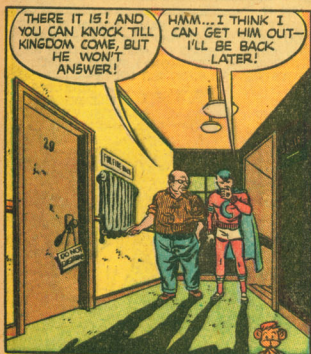
SURE! HE'S A FUNNY MAN! NEVER OPENS THE DOOR! I LEAVE ICE OUTSIDE—HE SLIPS MONEY UNDER THE DOOR I NEVER SEE HIM!

I UNDERSTAND A MR. KENNETH HENDRICKS USED TO LIVE HERE! DID HE GIVE YOU ANY REFERENCES!

JUST ONE—HIS SISTER, MRS. LOUISE BARNES, WAS HER NAME, I THINK—FROM WILTON! HE GOT ACTING QUEER, SO I ASKED HIM TO LEAVE!

THE MAN'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE! I SEE YOU'VE DONE PLENTY OF INVESTIGATING ON YOUR OWN! IT WILL HELP ME SAVE A LOT OF TIME! I'LL KEEP YOU POSTED!







MR. HENDRICKS? WHAT? WHO ARE YOU? GET OUT OF MY WAY! I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT!



PLEASE! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU A MINUTE! MY CAR'S OUTSIDE! I'LL TAKE YOU WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING!



ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN TAKE ME TO CENTRAL STATION, IF YOU INSIST!

SEE HERE! WE'RE NOT GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR THE STATION!

I KNOW IT! I SENT YOU THAT TELEGRAM! I'M A FRIEND OF DR. MILNE'S! HE'S ASKED ME TO SEE IF I COULDN'T HELP YOU!



WHY NOT TELL THE WHOLE STORY? FROM WHAT DR. MILNE SAYS, YOU CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS MUCH LONGER! IT WILL KILL YOU!



MY STORY STARTS FROM A LUMBER CAMP IN THE NORTH-WEST! I WAS INVOLVED IN A MURDER TRIAL!



NO! IT CAN'T BE! YOU AREN'T THE SAME HENDRICKS THAT TESTIFIED AGAINST LOU DRAPER IN THE BINK DODSON KILLING!

I'M THE SAME PERSON, BUT THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN HARD ON ME! I LIED IN MY TESTIMONY! MARIE KILLED BINK, NOT LOU!

SO THAT'S IT! I ALWAYS WONDERED! WHAT HAPPENED TO MARIE?

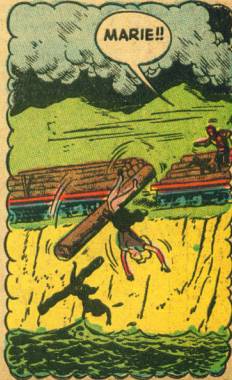


"WHEN MARIE AND I HEARD THAT LOU WAS STILL ALIVE, OUR ONLY IDEA WAS TO ESCAPE HIM!"

GET READY TO CLIMB ON, MARIE!

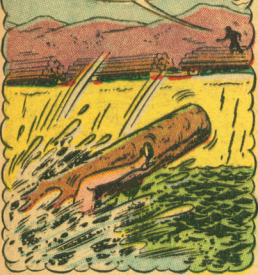


KEN! KEN! ONE OF THE LOGS IS SLIPPING!



MARIE!!

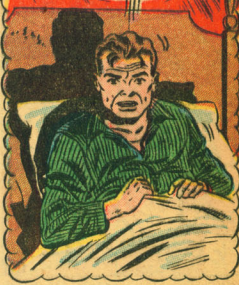
SHE'S GONE! MARIE IS GONE! BUT LOU! LOU IS STILL ALIVE!



I ARRIVED IN THE EAST! I FELT SO SHOCKED BY MARIE'S DEATH, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING! HOWEVER, THE FEAR I HAD FOR LOU BEGAN TO MELT AWAY! THEN, ONE NIGHT...



WHO'S THERE? WHO IS IT I SAY?



THOUGHT YOU'D GET AWAY FROM ME, DIDN'T YOU, KEN? BUT YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME!

NO, LOU! NO! GO AWAY!



THOUGHT I'D KILL YOU, HUH? BUT I'M TOO SMART FOR THAT! I WANT YOU TO SUFFER! I'M COMING BACK EVERY MONTH, ON THE TWENTIETH—MY HANGING ANNIVERSARY—TO BEAT YOU UP UNTIL I DRIVE YOU MAD!



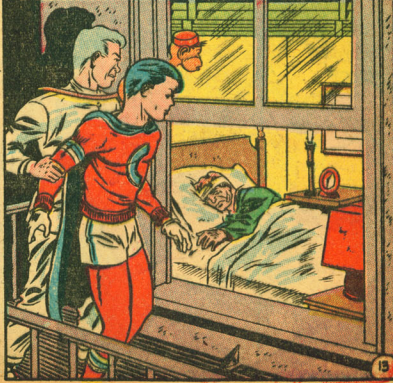
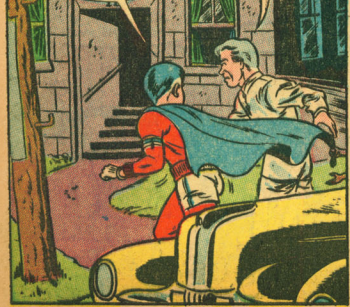
AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY! NO MATTER WHERE I GO, HE FINDS ME! NO MATTER HOW I LOCK THE DOOR, HE GETS IN! I CAN'T ESCAPE HIM AND HE IS DRIVING ME MAD!

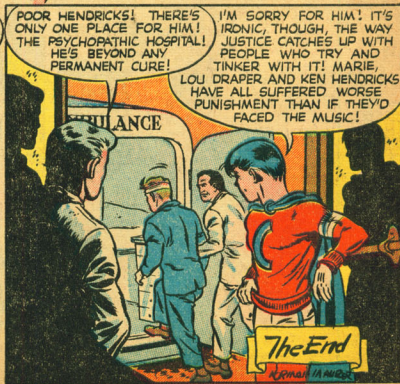
LET ME BE ON YOUR FIRE ESCAPE THE NEXT TIME HE VISITS! I PROMISE YOU THAT WE'LL SETTLE THIS WITHOUT DANGER TO YOU!



I PROMISED YOU I'D LET YOU IN ON THE SHOWDOWN, AND THIS IS IT, DOCTOR!

IT CERTAINLY IS AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY! THIS LOU MUST BE A HOUDINI!

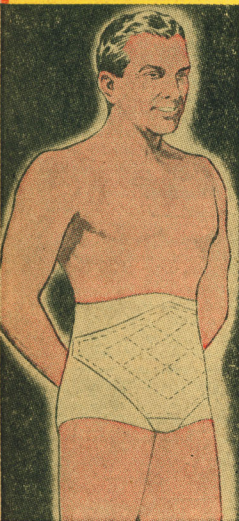




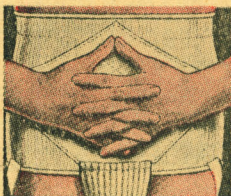
THOUSANDS of MEN NOW

Appear *Feel* Look
SLIMMER BETTER YOUNGER

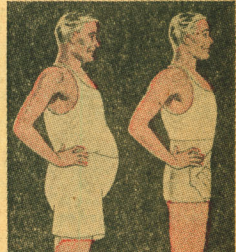
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thing in the morning. Enclosed is my check for another."
 J. C. McG.
 St. Paul, Minn.

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 P. N.
 Fort Knox, Ky.

Above are just a few of the many unsolicited testimonials for the Commander that we receive regularly. Originals of these and others are on file.

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CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors.

"**BOY COMICS** is really swell." That's what my uncle wrote to me in one of his last letters. He was in the Gabanatuan prison camp and he said he was lonely but **BOY COMICS** made him feel at home. I am very proud of **BOY COMICS** and all it has done for the servicemen.

A very proud reader, G. Hogaboom
Quarters 114, Quantico, Va.

You should be very proud of your uncle.

I very highly recommend **BOY COMICS** to my own children and also my grandchildren. When I read them **BOY COMICS** and **DAREDEVIL** they are not only having enjoyment but are also learning about sportsmanship and fair play.

Sincerely yours, George Baker
745 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis 8, Mo.

Other grandfathers, note!

I want to compliment you on your printing of such a fine comic magazine. During the war when my brother was overseas in Italy I sent my **BOY, DAREDEVIL, CRIME DOES NOT PAY** Comics to him and he replied that they boosted the unit's morale 100%. Now in peace **BOY COMICS** is doing the same amount of morale-building. Keep it up! **BOY COMICS** will always be my favorite.

A reader of **BOY COMICS** forever, Don Petterson
150-47 20th Avenue, Whitestone, L. I.

Thanks for boosting our morale, Don.

I enjoy reading your publications of **BOY COMICS** very much and I am sure they will be a valuable asset to our future youth. **BOY** stresses the fact that crime does not pay and also in No. 29 it pointed out that all beings are created equal.

Yours truly, Myrna Colenso
Box 1539, Rossland, B. C., Canada

That, Myrna, is such an obvious truth it shouldn't be necessary to have to point it out.

I think you should bring back more of the old issues of **CRIME DOES NOT PAY, DAREDEVIL** and **CRIME-**

BUSTER. Lots of boys like me missed most of the issues and are now getting wise that they're the best comics on the newsstands. I think you are doing fine.

Yours truly, Arnold Spalter
190 Ross St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y.

We will. Arnold, if the demand rises.

I read what Bob Wood wrote about you in the Sept. issue of **BOY COMICS** and I think it was swell.

We kids not only like to read about our favorite comic characters, but the people who create them too. I suppose you've heard of the canteens organized for teen-aged boys and girls so we could have fun and not be pests to our community. Well, we have one in our town. A lot of us kids were discussing which was our favorite comic and the most named was **BOY COMICS** and your **CRIMEBUSTER**. He's swell. Squeeks, too.

Sincerely, Dixie A. Gibbs
R.R. No. 1, Rochester, N. Y.

Congratulations to the wide awake citizens of your community.

I operate a newsstand in downtown El Paso, and sell lots of comics, but **BOY COMICS** tops 'em all. In my six years of operating a newsstand I have never seen another comic with such exciting stories and clean entertainment as **BOY COMICS**.

Yours truly, Arthur Rosemond
2611 E. Missouri, El Paso, Texas

Honest, readers, we didn't buy this testimonial.

I am a reader of your magazines. I think that you should make it possible for your readers to be able to subscribe to them. Of all comic magazines I like **BOY COMICS** best, then **CRIME DOES NOT PAY**, then **DAREDEVIL**.

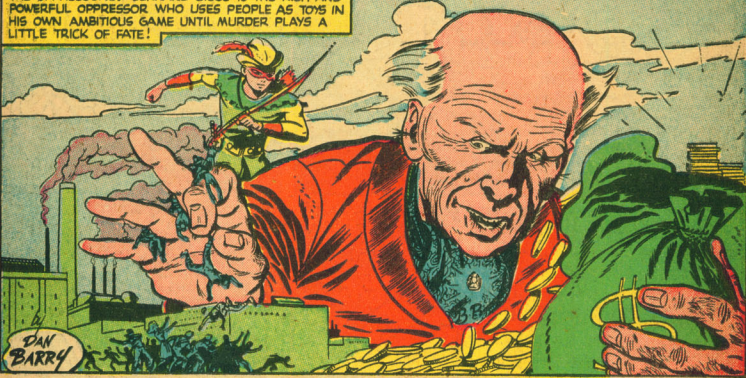
A loyal Reader, David Dix
301 S. Ault, Moberly, Mo.

Refer to page 25 of this issue for our generous subscription offer on all three magazines.

Young ROBINHOOD

and his BAND

YOUNG ROBINHOOD, LIKE HIS NAMESAKE OF YORE, IS THE CHAMPION OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE AND ENEMY OF THE OPPRESSORS!—BERNARD BIGGS IS THE RICH AND POWERFUL OPPRESSOR WHO USES PEOPLE AS TOYS IN HIS OWN AMBITIOUS GAME UNTIL MURDER PLAYS A LITTLE TRICK OF FATE!



DAN BARRY

BIGGSVILLE IS A FACTORY TOWN, FOUNDED AND OWNED BY THE BIGGS FAMILY, WHOSE WEALTH HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS! MOST EVERYTHING IN THE TOWN IS CONTROLLED BY THE MISERLY BERNARD BIGGS—BUT IT'S THE SMALL PEOPLE THAT REALLY MAKE THE TOWN...



YOU FOLKS KNOW WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR! SO LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

OKAY, KEN! SAY, WHAT'CHA GOT ON YOUR MIND?



OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT STRAIGHT! WE ALL WORK IN BIGGS' FACTORY! WE DEPEND ON HIM FOR A LIVING! HE OWNS OUR HOUSES, HE OWNS THE STORES WE BUY OUR FOOD AND CLOTHES IN—HE OWNS US LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL!

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T BUY MEAT AND MILK FOR THE KIDS?

YEAH! TELL US!



EVERYTHING! BIGGS HAS BEEN FORCING PRICES UP BECAUSE HE KNOWS WE CAN'T BUY ANYWHERE ELSE! HE WON'T FIX OUR HOUSES BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT—AND HE CHOKES BACK EVERY DOLLAR WE EARN FROM HIM!

WELL, WHY CAN'T WE BUY OUR FOOD WHOLESALE IN PITTSBURGH?

SURE! I GOT A TRUCK TO CARRY IT IN!

SO HAVE I!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT! WE'LL SHOW BIGGS WE CAN FIGHT BACK! LET'S ROLL OUT THE TRUCKS!

YEAH, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? WE DON'T HAVE TO FATTEN UP BIGGS WITH HIS PRICES!

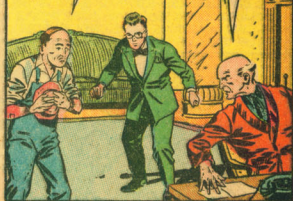
LET'S GO! PITTSBURGH, HERE WE COME!



MR. BIGGS! KEN CROWLEY'S STIRRIN' UP TROUBLE AGAIN! FOLKS ARE ALL HEADIN' TO THE CITY TO BUY THEIR OWN FOOD—SAY THEY'LL BOYCOTT YOU! THEY GOT TRUCKS—I JUST CAME FROM THE MEETING!

YOU RAT, TURNING ON YOUR OWN FRIENDS!

QUIET, NEAL! YOU'RE STILL MY SON, AND ON MY SIDE OF THIS AFFAIR!



SO THEY'RE REVOLTING, EH? WHY, AFTER I'VE KEPT THEM IN FOOD AN' CLOTHES! IT'S MUTINY! HELLO, OPERATOR... PITTSBURGH 401Z... YES!

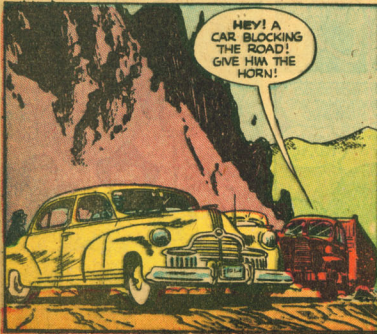
DAD! STOP! NOT BEANS MURDOCK! HE'S A KILLER!

SHUT UP! YOU'RE A TRAITOR TO YOUR FAMILY'S TRADITION!... OH, HELLO, BEANS! LISTEN, I HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU!

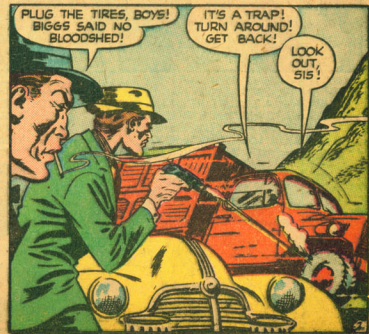


WE'LL BE IN PITTSBURGH IN A LITTLE WHILE! IT'S ALMOST TOO EASY, KEN! WE SHOULD'VE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO!

I KNOW—IT IS ALMOST TOO EASY! I'VE GOT A FEELING, SIS!



HEY! A CAR BLOCKING THE ROAD! GIVE HIM THE HORN!



PLUG THE TIRES, BOYS! BIGGS SAID NO BLOODSHED!

IT'S A TRAP! TURN AROUND! GET BACK!

LOOK OUT, SIS!



KEN!
KEN!
HELP!

SIS! SIS!
LOOK
OUT!

CRASH



OKAY, THAT'LL KEEP YOU
OUTTA PITTSBURGH! AN'
DON'T GET ANY MORE
OF THOSE IDEAS!
S, LONG, SUCKERS!

YOU DIRTY
RATS! DO ANY-
THING FOR A
BUCK, WON'T
YA? SIS! KITTY!
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?



SHE'S BADLY SHAKEN
UP! HERE COME THE
OTHERS! THEY'LL TAKE
CARE OF KITTY! I'M
GOING TO GET BIGGS—
HE'LL PAY FOR
THIS!



COME BACK,
KEN! YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING!

KEN! DON'T
BE HASTY!

DON'T ANY-
ONE TRY TO
STOP ME!



I'LL GET HIM! (PAW)...LIGHT'S
ON IN HIS STUDY... A FEW
MORE STEPS AND THE GREAT
MR. BIGGS WON'T BE SO RICH
AND CLEVER ANY MORE!
I'LL GET HIM!



WH... HE'S
DEAD! WHO
COULD'VE...



TOO BAD WE DIDN'T
GET HERE SOONER, KEN!
THE FOLKS ASKED US
TO TRY AND
STOP YOU...

SORRY, KEN!
WHAT? BUT
I DIDN'T...

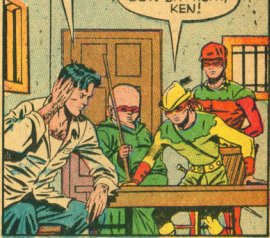
LOOK AT THIS, ROBIN! KEN CROWLEY HELD FOR MURDER!...REMEMBER HIM—THE GUY WE MET AT THE INTER-STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT?

YEAH, FROM PENNSY! MURDER? DOESN'T SOUND LIKE KEN—MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG! LET'S GO DOWN AND FIND OUT ABOUT THIS!

PAPER SAYS HE LIVES IN BIGGSVILLE! WE CAN CATCH A PLANE TO PITTSBURGH THIS AFTERNOON AND THEN A TRAIN! I WANT TO TALK TO KEN!

...AND THAT'S ALL I KNOW ABOUT IT, ROBIN...GUESS IT LOOKS BAD FOR ME!

YOU SAY BIGGS' SON NEVER GOT ALONG WITH HIM! MAYBE HE HAD A QUARREL WITH THE OLD MAN, GOT OFF THE HANDLE, AND...I'LL FIND OUT! SIT TIGHT, KEN!



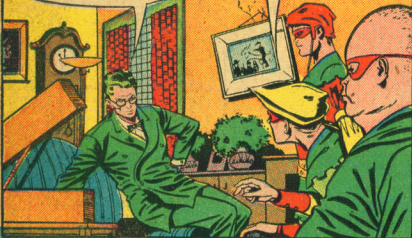
YES, I HATED HIM, BUT I DIDN'T DO IT! I'M HIS HEIR—IT'D BE TOO OBVIOUS! HOW ABOUT BEANS MURDOCK? HE WAS DAD'S STRONG-ARM MAN! AFTER THE HI-JACK JOB, I HEARD SOMEONE QUARRLING WITH DAD ABOUT A PAY-OFF!

SOUNDS LIKE BEANS, ALL RIGHT! HE COULD'VE GOTTEN HERE BY CAR BEFORE KEN DID... ARGUED ABOUT MORE MONEY, AND THEN...WAIT!

THIS PICTURE'S TILTED—LET'S SEE! HOLY...LOOK, A SAFE BEHIND IT—CRACKED AS WIDE AS 5TH AVENUE!

THEN IT WAS MURDOCK! THERE IS YOUR MOTIVE—ROBBERY!

LET'S GET HIM AT HIS HOTEL!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

HERE'S HIS ROOM! LET'S SEE IF HE'S HOME!

CAREFUL! HE'S A ROUGH CHARACTER!

WHO'S DERE? HUH?

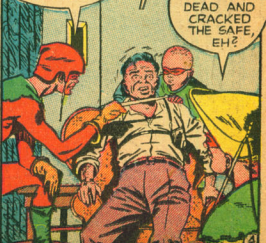
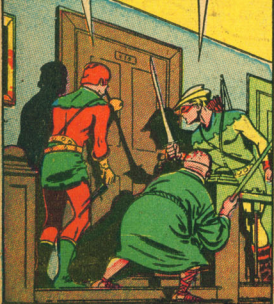
HELLO, BEANS! JUST DROPPED IN FOR TEA!

NOW LET'S HAVE IT STRAIGHT! YOU KILLED BIGGS, AND BEFORE I LEAVE, I'LL HAVE A SIGNED CONFESSION OR THEY'LL HAVE TO PICK UP YOUR BODY WITH A BLOTTER!

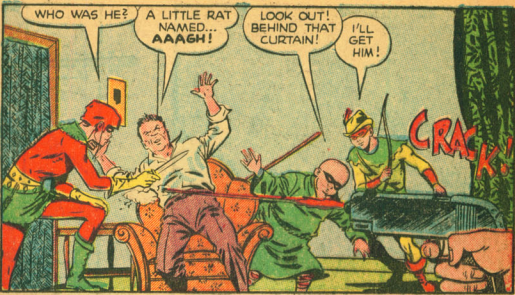
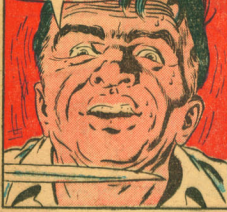
WHAT ARE YA TALKIN' ABOUT? WHEN I WAS DEAD HE WAS DEAD THERE...ER...I MEAN...

MAY WE COME IN?

SO YOU WERE THERE! FOUND HIM DEAD AND CRACKED THE SAFE, EH?



NO...IT WAS CRACKED WHEN I GOT THERE! SOMEONE BEAT ME TO IT! THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER GUY ON BIGGS' PAYOFF LIST WHO COULDA' DONE IT—AN' I BEEN LAYIN' FOR HIM!



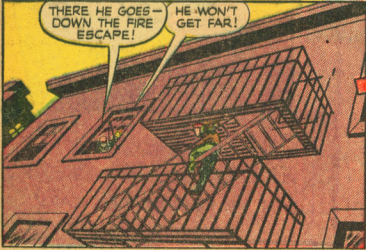
WHO WAS HE?

A LITTLE RAT NAMED... AAAGH!

LOOK OUT! BEHIND THAT CURTAIN!

I'LL GET HIM!

CRACK!



THERE HE GOES—DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE!

HE WON'T GET FAR!



AS THE KILLER REACHES THE BOTTOM RUNG OF THE LADDER...

YAAA! MY ARM!

YES, IT'S JOHN REASON... MY DAD'S COMPANY STOUGE— HE MUST HAVE SHAKEN DAD DOWN, AND KILLED HIM WHEN HE DIDN'T PAY OFF! HE WAS A RAT AND A TRAITOR TO HIS PEOPLE!

THEN KEN'S CLEAR, AND YOU OWN THE BIGGS INTERESTS, NEAL! HOPE YOU DO RIGHT BY THEM!

NEXT DAY AT THE CROWLEY HOME...

YES, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF KIT LATELY! DON'T BE SURPRISED IF SHE BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE BIGGS FAMILY!

YES, KEN, AND NEAL SAID YOU COULD RUN THE FACTORY FOR HIM...AND HE'D FIX ALL THE HOUSES IN THE TOWN!

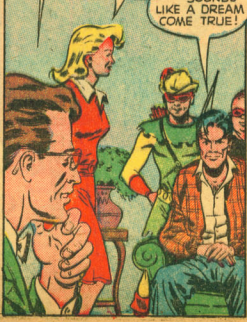
THIS SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!

ROBIN, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU FOR STRAIGHTENING EVERYTHING OUT!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, KEN— THINGS SEEM TO STRAIGHTEN THEMSELVES OUT IF PEOPLE ARE ALL PUSHING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!



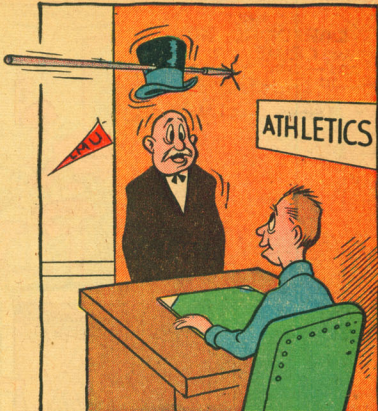
O.K. YOU'VE GOT ME! HURRY UP AND GET THE AMBULANCE!



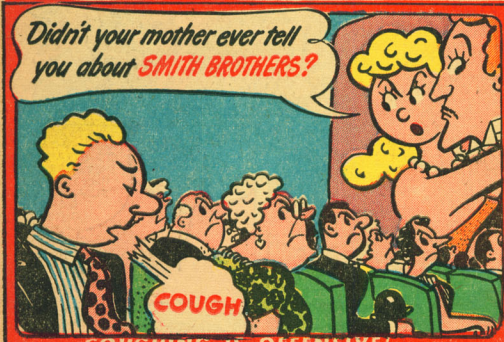
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"EVER SINCE HE VISITED THE GRAND COULEE DAM, HE THINKS HE SHOULD BE FOREMAN!"



"AS I WAS SAYING, DEAN, HUNTLEY'S JAVELIN THROW SHOULD WIN THE PENNANT THIS YEAR!"



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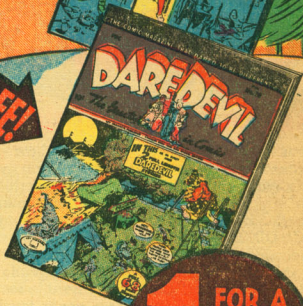
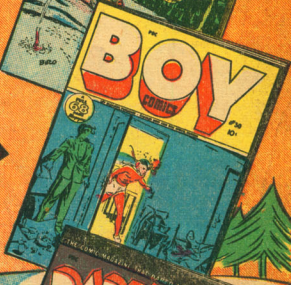
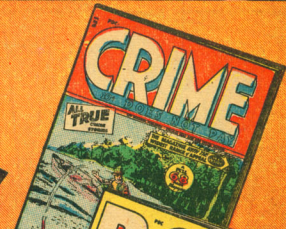
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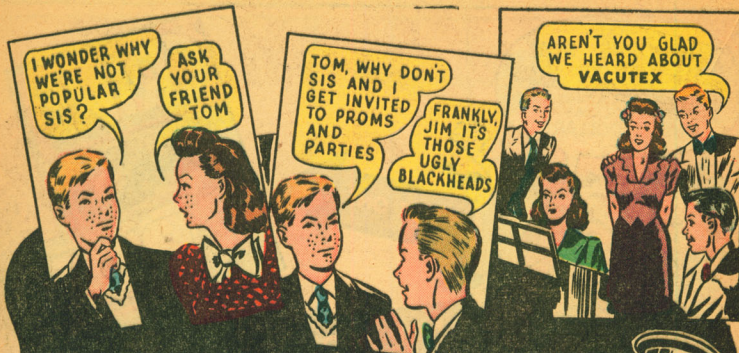
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DYNAMITE

WHEN RILEY, THE POLICEMAN, WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE FORCE, THE PAPERS SAID HE WAS NO GOOD! DYNAMITE SAID, "I GUESS HE DESERVES SUSPENSION, BUT..... AND THAT 'BUT' WAS DYNAMITE'S INSIDE HUNCH THAT RILEY COULDN'T BE BAD!



LOOKIT OFFICER RILEY! HE'S ACTIN' AWFUL FUNNY!

I'D SAY HE WUZ DRUNK!

WHADDAYA MEAN! RILEY NEVER DRINKS!



HI, ³HIC² FELLERS! WHASSA MATTER?

NEVER DRINKS, HUH?

WE GOTTA HELP HIM!



C'MON, RILEY, SNAP OUTTA IT! DRUNK ON DUTY! I'M ASHAMED OF YA!

GEE... VITAMIN CAPSULES!



I'M GONNA TRY A COUPLA VITAMINS! I HEAR THEY'RE GOOD!

SKIP IT NOW AN' HELP ME WITH RILEY!



HONEST, KIDS, I DIDN'T HAVE A DRINK! I SWEAR IT! I NEVER DRINK!

AW, RILEY, WHY DON'TCHA ADMIT IT? WE SMELLED LIQUOR ON YER BREATH! WE DON'T CARE, ONLY FOR PETE'S SAKE, DON'T DRINK ON DUTY!





RILEY NEVER DRANK BEFORE—I KNOW THAT! AN' TO START NOW—A COUPLA DAYS BEFORE DA BIG HIJACKING TRIAL OPENS—WIT' HIM DA ONLY WITNESS!

HE MUST BE NUTS! IF IT EVER GETS OUT THAT HE WUZ DRUNK, ON DUTY, HIS TESTIMONY WON'T BE WORTH BEANS!



RILEY DID IT AGAIN AN' GOT CAUGHT! IT'S IN THE HEADLINES!

YA DON'T MAKE SENSE! LEMME SEE!



I'M GOING DOWN TO HEAD-QUARTERS AND FIND OUT MORE! YOU STAY HERE AN' KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS, PEANUTS!

RILEY SUSPENDED FROM FORCE
FOR BEING DRUNK ON DUTY. STAR IN WITNESS IN HIJACK CASE SUSPENDED



WHAT'S THIS? OH, YEAH, RILEY'S VITAMINS! HE LEFT 'EM HERE! THINK I'LL TRY 'EM OUT!



LATER... WELL, I GUESS THAT LABORATORY TECHNICIAN FOUND ALL DAT ALCOHOL IN RILEY'S BLOOD TESTS—HE DESERVES SUSPENSION, BUT... HEY, PEANUTS!



WHASSA MATTER, DYNAMITE? ;HIC; GOSH, I FEEL SHOOPER, DOOPER!

YOU! DRUNK! ARE YA CRAZY? WHERE'D YA GET IT?



THINK BACK! DID YOU GO OUT AND DRINK? WHAT HAPPENED AFTER WE LEFT?

OH...MY HEAD! I AIN'T BEEN NO WHERE! ALL I DID WUZ... WUZ... I KNOW! I TRIED THEM VITAMINS I TOOK FROM RILEY'S BOTTLE!



THAT'S THE ANSWER! YA SHOULDN'T HAVE SWIPED 'EM, BUT IT'S LUCKY FER RILEY YA DID! C'MON, GUYS, WE GOTTA PAY RILEY A VISIT!

RILEY! WE GOT THINGS FIGURED OUT! YOU'LL BE BACK ON DA FORCE IN NO TIME! JUST ANSWER DIS \$64 QUESTION—WHERE'D YA GET THOSE VITAMIN CAPSULES YA TAKE?

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ME BEIN' ON OR OFF THE FORCE? IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS BUT MY GIRL FRIEND GAVE 'EM TO ME!

HOLY SMOKE! YOUR GIRL! YA AIN'T GONNA LIKE DIS—BUT I JUST FOUND OUT DEM CAPSULES IS WHAT MADE YOU DRUNK!

WHAT! YOU'D BETTER BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT..OR ELSE!



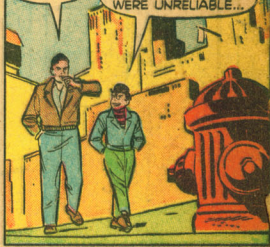
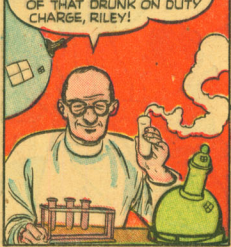
WE'LL KNOW PRETTY SOON—AN' IF I'M RIGHT, IT MEANS DAT GIRL FRIEND WUZ FRAMIN' YA!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SHE SEEMED SO NICE!

THESE CAPSULES CONTAIN AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATE OF SPECIAL POTENCY—PLUS A SPECIAL EXTRACT THAT WOULD MAKE A PERSON SMELL OF WHISKEY! MY REPORT WILL CLEAR YOU OF THAT DRUNK ON DUTY CHARGE, RILEY!

AN' I THOUGHT SHE LIKED ME! WHY'D SHE DO THAT FOR, DYNAMITE? I DON'T GET IT!

DON'T FORGET—YOU'RE THE ONLY WITNESS AGAINST THAT HI-JACK GANG—AN' THE TRIAL STARTS TOMORROW! IF THEY COULD PROVE YOU WERE UNRELIABLE...



NEXT DAY...

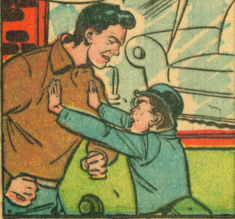
SHE WAS GOING TO MEET ME OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE BEFORE THE TRIAL! ONLY I AIN'T WAITING TILL THEN! I'M GOING TO SHAKE THE TRUTH OUT OF HER RIGHT NOW!

WHOA! PLAY IT SMART, RILEY! ACT LIKE NUTTIN' HAS HAPPENED! DEN, AT THE TRIAL...

I'LL BET YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE TRIAL! DID YOU TAKE THE VITAMIN PILLS I GAVE YOU? IF YOU HAVEN'T, I HAVE SOME HERE!

I DID FORGET, HONEY, BUT I HAVE THE BOTTLE YOU GAVE ME! I'LL TAKE A COUPLE NOW!

HEARING YOU TESTIFY WILL BE SO THRILLING! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR YOU!





GLAD TO TESTIFY...
HIC

YOUR HONOR, NOT ONLY IS THIS WITNESS DISCREDITED AS A POLICEMAN, BUT HE IS DRUNK AT THIS VERY MOMENT! SINCE HE IS THE SOLE WITNESS, I MOVE THAT THE CASE BE THROWN OUT OF COURT!



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, MISTER! YOUR HONOR, IF IT ISN'T TOO IRREGULAR, I'D LIKE TO JUST PROVE THAT I WAS FRAMED! THEN I CAN GIVE MY TESTIMONY! IF YOU'LL CALL ROSE DELANE TO THE STAND...



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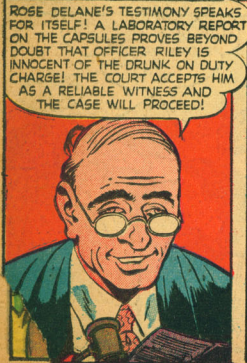


SORRY, LADY, BUT AIN'T YOU MISSIN' YOUR CUE? YOU'RE IN THE ACT UP FRONT!



YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! LETTING ME THINK YOU WERE A DUMB FLATFOOT! YOU LET ME THINK YOU WERE TAKIN' THE CAPSULES I GAVE YOU—BUT YOU SWITCHED THEM!

THEN YOU ADMIT THEY WEREN'T HARMLESS VITAMINS AFTER ALL! AND YOU HAVE SOME OF THE ALCOHOL ONES IN YOUR PURSE!



ROSE DELANE'S TESTIMONY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF! A LABORATORY REPORT ON THE CAPSULES PROVES BEYOND DOUBT THAT OFFICER RILEY IS INNOCENT OF THE DRUNK ON DUTY CHARGE! THE COURT ACCEPTS HIM AS A RELIABLE WITNESS AND THE CASE WILL PROCEED!



SO THAT DELANE DAME WAS MIXED UP WITH THE HI-JACKERS AN' THE WHOLE THING WAS A FRAME-UP! BUT RILEY'S TESTIMONY FIXED THEM!

HEY! WHAT'S COOKIN'? DA PATROL WAGON JEST PULLED UP OUTSIDE!

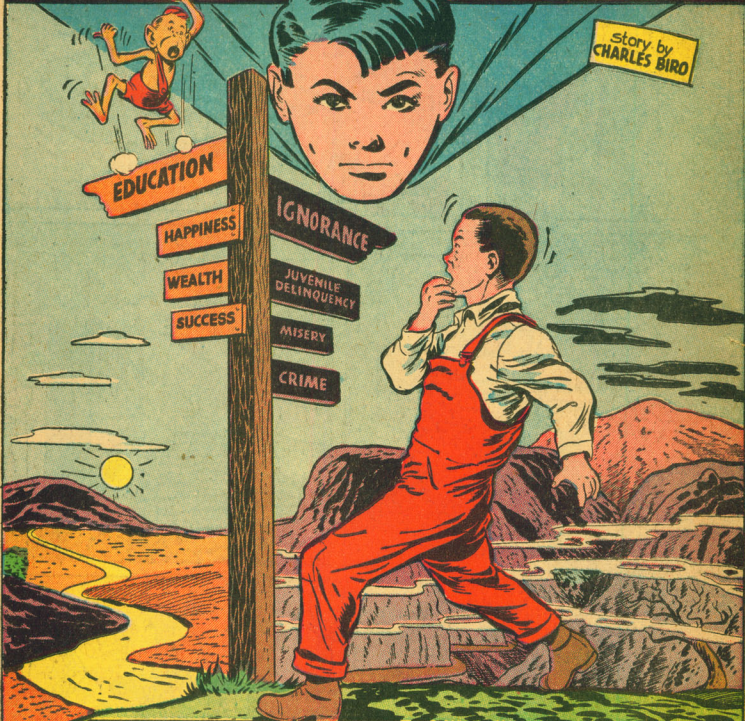


COMPLIMENTS OF THE PREINCT FOR YOUR SMART HEADWORK ON THAT CASE YOU HELPED WIN, DYNAMITE!

SODA POPS! A CASE OF IT! OH, BOY—THE FLAVOR WE LIKE, TOO!

CRIMEFRUSTER

story by
CHARLES BIRO



A SHORT TIME AGO ON THE MAIN STEM OF MY TOWN I SAW A FUNERAL PROCESSION. THE COLUMN WAS PRECEDED BY A DOZEN OR MORE MOTORCYCLE POLICEMEN AT TRAWLING SPEED. BEHIND THEM AS MANY IF NOT MORE ON HORSEBACK. THE CASNET WAS DRAPED WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG. IT WAS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT IN IT WAS THE REMAINS OF AN OFFICER OF THE LAW, WHO HAD GIVEN HIS LIFE FOR THAT FLAG THAT DRAPED HIM NOW. IT SYMBOLIZED YOU AND ME, THE SOCIETY HE DIED PROTECTING. MAYBE HE WAS KILLED CRACKING A STICK-UP OR CHASING A KILLER. THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS DEATH WERE REALLY IRRELEVANT, BUT TO ME, WHAT WAS SO VITALLY IMPORTANT WAS THE FOR-GRANTED-LIKE MANNER WITH WHICH SOME CITIZENS REACTED. "I REMEMBER AS A KID HEARING SOME BOYS' REMARK ABOUT POLICEMEN, SUCH AS: "I HATE COPS." "HERE COMES BLUBBER-GUT," AND "CHEEZIT, THE FLAT-FOOT." BUT IF THOSE SAME KIDS HAD THEIR BIKES STOLEN, THEIR FIRST THOUGHT WOULD BE OF THE POLICE. NO SAME BOY WOULD SAY, "I HATE DOCTORS," MERELY BECAUSE HE PREFERS TO STAY HEALTHY. A DOCTOR IS HIS BEST FRIEND WHEN HE'S SICK. THE POLICEMAN IS YOUR BEST FRIEND TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY AND WILL GIVE HIS LIFE IF NECESSARY TO PROVE IT!

Charles Biro

THAT GUY, LOOVER!
 "RAID THE FREIGHT YARDS
 AND NAB INCOMING HOBOES"
 HE SAYS! HECK! THAT'S
 A JOB FOR THE
 RAILROAD DICKS!

GO ON! YOU
 KNOW YOU'RE
 PLEASED THAT
 LOOVER PUT
 YOU IN CHARGE
 OF THE
 ASSIGNMENT!



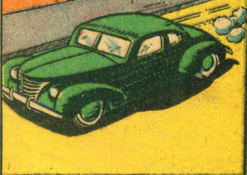
ACTUALLY IT'S A
 SMART IDEA TO
 SCREEN THESE GUYS
 AND FIND THE
 CROOKS AND CON
 MEN BEFORE THEY
 START OPERATING
 HERE, ISN'T IT,
 SULLY?

YEAH! GUESS
 YOU'RE
 RIGHT!
 HOW
 ABOUT COMING
 ALONG
 WITH ME ON
 THE RAID?



GLAD I CAN
 COME ALONG!
 WHAT'S THE
 SET-UP?

THERE'S A
 BIG STRING OF
 FREIGHT
 CARS COMING
 IN FROM THE
 WEST IN ABOUT AN
 HOUR! MY MEN ARE
 THERE NOW WAITING
 FOR THE HOBOES
 WITH A PADDY
 WAGON!



OKAY! FIVE MINUTES TO
 GO! KEEP YOUR MEN OUT
 OF SIGHT TILL THE LAST
 MINUTE, THEN PITCH INTO
 'EM! USE YOUR NIGHT-
 STICKS ONLY IF YOU
 ABSOLUTELY HAVE
 TO!



CHOO
 CHOO
 CHOO

GLANG
 GLANG



DA COASTS CLEAR!
 LET'S SHOVE OFF
 BEFORE DEM
 LOUBY COMPANY
 DICKS KETCH
 US!

ANY
 DICK
 COMES
 NEAR ME
 WILL GET
 A KNIFE IN
 HIM! I HATE
 EVERY KINDA
 COPPER
 DERE IS!

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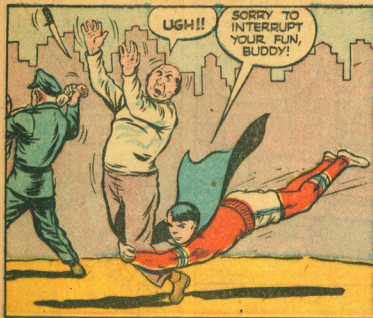


OKAY, MEN!
 CLEAN 'EM
 OUT!



Loover is being held back by a man while the superhero attacks another man with a nightstick.





UGH!!

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR FUN, BUDDY!



MOVE ALONG, BOYS! AND NO FUNNY BUSINESS!

WAIT! I GOT ONE MORE!



I PROTEST THIS OUTRAGE! THE MERE FACT THAT A MAN IS FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED IS NO EXCUSE TO...

PIPE HIM, SULLY! THIS BIRD IS A CON MAN SURE WITH A GAB LIKE THAT!



IF YOU PLEASE! I HAVE NEVER INDULGED IN ANY SHADY PRACTICES! UNTIL NOW I HAVE BELIEVED IN LAW AND ORDER! HOWEVER, IF THIS IS A SAMPLE OF JUSTICE...



THAT MAN INTERESTS ME, SULLY! I'D LIKE TO TALK HIM!

WAIT A MINUTE THERE, CASEY!



WE'LL TAKE HIM ALONG IN THE SQUAD CAR, CASEY! YOU TAKE CHARGE OF THE PATROL WAGON! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE STATION-HOUSE!

YES, SIR!



THIS BIRD IS PROBABLY A CON MAN, C.B., BUT GET HIS STORY IF YOU WANT TO!

YOU KNOW, MISTER, A MAN IS KNOWN BY THE COMPANY HE KEEPS! AND YOU WERE IN PRETTY BAD COMPANY IF YOU'RE REALLY ON THE LEVEL—WHAT'S YOUR NAME AND WHERE ARE YOU FROM?



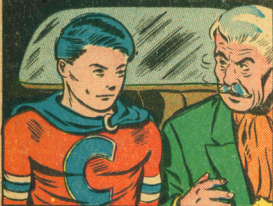
MY NAME'S ROBERT KEAN AND I'M FROM A SMALL TOWN! I'M SURE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT—EAST ROCKMOUNT!

NEVER HEARD OF IT! WHAT'S THE NEAREST BIG CITY?

NEW CITY, ABOUT SIXTY MILES EAST!

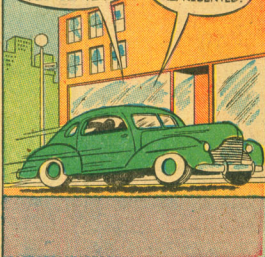
THAT RINGS A BELL! I'VE A GOOD IDEA OF WHERE IT IS! WHAT WERE YOU DOING THERE? TEACHING?

WH...WHY, YES! BUT HOW DID YOU GUESS?



BY YOUR MANNER! I FIGURED YOU WERE EITHER A LAWYER OR A TEACHER! THE TOWN SOUNDED TOO SMALL FOR A LAW PRACTICE! WHY'D YOU LEAVE?

BECAUSE OF A BOY—A PUPIL NAMED LANK FALTER! IT WASN'T HIM SO MUCH AS WHAT HE REPRESENTED!

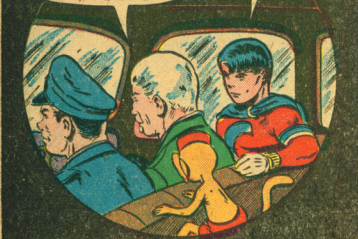


I ONCE BELIEVED IN EDUCATION! EVEN IN THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL IN EAST ROCKMOUNT WITH ONLY TEN DOLLARS A YEAR FOR SUPPLIES AND AN UNSYMPATHETIC SCHOOL BOARD. I THOUGHT I COULD MAKE MY PUPILS INTO GOOD CITIZENS---GIVE THEM A START IN LIFE! BUT I FAILED TO HELP LANK!



IT WAS A BITTER BLOW TO FIND I COULDN'T SUCCEED, BUT WITHOUT MONEY OR COOPERATION I REALIZED MY THEORIES ON EDUCATION WERE WORTHLESS! RATHER THAN REPEAT MY FAILURE WITH SOME OTHER BOY, I GAVE UP!

I WISH YOU'D TELL US MORE ABOUT THIS BOY, LANK FALTER! HOW ABOUT IT, MR. KEAN?



WHY ARE WE STOPPING HERE, SULLY?

ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES AND WE'D BE AT THE STATION HOUSE! I'D LIKE TO HEAR THE WHOLE STORY, MYSELF!

I'LL BE GLAD TO TELL YOU THE WHOLE THING, BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE TO MEAN ANYTHING!



AN HOUR LATER...

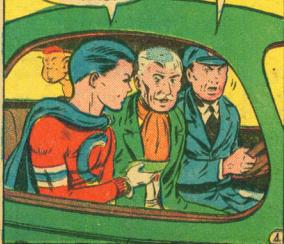
AND THAT'S THE STORY! IF THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD THOUGHT LESS ABOUT TAX MONEY AND MORE ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THEIR CHILDREN IT MIGHT NEVER HAVE HAPPENED!

GEE! THAT REALLY WAS A TOUGH DEAL! I CAN SEE WHY YOU'D FEEL DISCOURAGED!

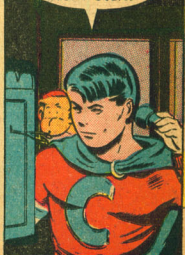


HERE, MR. KEAN! TAKE THIS MONEY AND GET A ROOM AT THE HOTEL DRAKE! SULLY WILL DROP YOU OFF THERE! I'LL PHONE YOU LATER---AND MAY HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS!

HEY, CB! HE'S STILL MY PRISONER! AND YOU'RE TELLING HIM TO GO! AW, ALL RIGHT!



IS THIS MAGAZINE HOUSE? GIVE ME THE EDITOR--- HI, NELSON, THIS IS CRIMEBUSTER! HEY, I'VE GOT A TERRIFIC FEATURE STORY FOR YOU! OKAY! I'LL COME RIGHT OVER!





BUT WHY WONT YOU DO THE STORY FOR US, C.B.?

WHO...ME? YOU KNOW I'M NOT A WRITER! BESIDES, KEAN IS A TEACHER SO HE COULD DO IT A LOT BETTER! I'LL CALL HIM!



HOLD UP! I'D RATHER YOU TELL ME THE STORY FIRST! IF IT'S GOOD, I'LL BUY IT FROM HIM! JUST WAIT A SECOND, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!



OKAY! SHOOT! GIVE ME THE STORY! I HOPE IT'S AS GOOD AS YOU SAY IT IS!

WELL, THE STORY STARTS IN A SMALL TOWN IN THE WEST CALLED EAST ROCKMOUNT, WHERE KEAN TOOK A TEACHING JOB LAST YEAR!



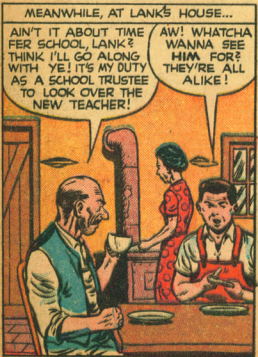
MARY BATES!
PRESENT!
DON CAMP!
PRESENT!
LANK FALTER!



WHAT ABOUT THIS LANK FALTER? DOESN'T HE LIVE HERE ANYMORE? OR IS HE SICK? HE HASN'T ATTENDED SCHOOL SINCE CLASSES STARTED!

RECKON HE'S PLAYIN' HOOKEY, HE DOESN'T OFTEN COME TO SCHOOL!

TATTLETALE! TATTLETALE!



MEANWHILE, AT LANK'S HOUSE...
AIN'T IT ABOUT TIME FER SCHOOL, LANK? THINK I'LL GO ALONG WITH YE! IT'S MY DUTY AS A SCHOOL TRUSTEE TO LOOK OVER THE NEW TEACHER!

AW! WHATCHA WANNA SEE HIM FOR? THEY'RE ALL ALIKE!



YOU OUGHTTA KNOW, LANK FALTER! YOU BEEN LEFT BACK LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW 'EM ALL! IF YOU TENDED SCHOOL LIKE YOU TEND YOUR TRAP LINES, YOU'D BE IN THE EIGHTH GRADE BY NOW!

NOW, MAW, I AIN'T NEVER GOT PAST FOURTH GRADE, BUT I GIT ALONG ALL RIGHT! I'M EVEN TRUSTEE ON THE BOARD! IT'S BEIN' SMART THAT COUNTS—NOT BOOK LEARNIN'!

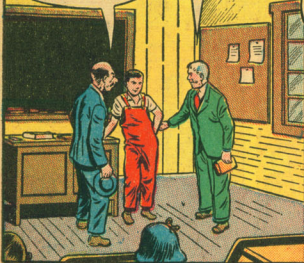


LOOK, PA! CAN'T I QUIT GOIN' TO SCHOOL? LIKE YOU SAID, BOOK LEARNIN' AIN'T WORTH BEANS!

YOU'RE GOIN' TO SCHOOL EVEN IF IT'S JEST TO KEEP YOU OUTTA TROUBLE! AN' IF I HEAR YOU AIN'T ATTENDIN', I'LL KICK THE TAR OUTTA YOU!

GO YOU'RE THE NEW TEACHER, EH? WELL, I'M TYLER FALTER, ONE OF THE TRUSTEES, AND I GUESS YOU KNOW MY SON!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, SIR! GO SIT DOWN, LANK!

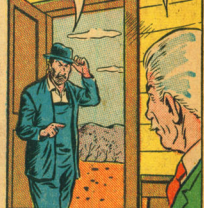


I WONDER IF YOU, AS A TRUSTEE, COULDN'T PERSUADE THE BOARD TO MAKE SOME IMPROVEMENTS HERE? NO ELECTRICITY! NO PLUMBING! ANTIQUATED TEXTBOOKS! THE PUPILS DESERVE BETTER CONDITIONS!



YOU CITY FELLERS IS ALL ALIKE! WANTIN' ALL KINDS OF FANCY STUFF! ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS TEACH THE THREE R'S! THAT'S WHAT YER PAID FER! GOOD DAY!

I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY MR. FALTER!



YOU READ ON FROM THERE, LANK!

THE D.DAY WAS 8...BU... BUTIFUL AND ERR...AW, I CAN'T READ!

TEE HEE!



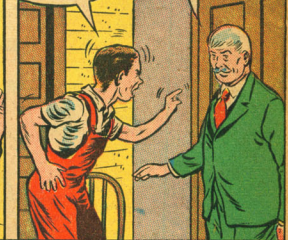
LATER...

SCHOOL IS DISMISSED! LANK FALTER, I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY A FEW MINUTES!



IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA LICK ME FOR PLAYING HOOKEY! I'M WARNIN' YA NOT TO! I'LL BEAT YA AND HAVE PA FIRE YA, BESIDES!

TAKE IT EASY, LANK! I JUST WANTED TO TALK OVER THE LESSONS YOU MISSED AND WARN YOU NOT TO PLAY HOOKEY AGAIN!



DON'T YOU SEE YOU HURT YOURSELF BY PLAYING HOOKEY? HERE YOU ARE FIFTEEN, AND YOU CAN'T READ! EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT, LANK!

NUTS! PAW ONLY SENDS ME TO KEEP ME OUTTA MISCHIEF! HE SAYS SMARTNESS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BOOK LEARNIN'!



I DIDN'T LET YOUR FATHER KNOW YOU HAD BEEN MISSING SCHOOL BECAUSE I PREFERRED TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU, FIRST! FROM NOW ON, I EXPECT YOU TO ATTEND OR I'LL REPORT YOU TO THE TRUANT OFFICER!

AIN'T NO TRUANT OFFICER! I'LL COME AN' GO AS I PLEASE, AN' IF YOU TELL MY PA, I'LL FIX YOU GOOD!



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER IN LANK FALTER'S HOME...

HOW IS SCHOOL GOIN', SON?

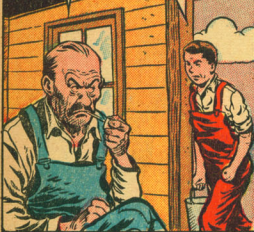
WHY...ER... OKAY! ONLY I DON'T TAKE TO THE NEW TEACHER!

YOU AIN'T BEEN TA SCHOOL FER TWO WEEKS! GOT A LETTER FROM THE TEACHER AN' DAISY MILLER SEZ IT'S TRUE! I TOLD YOU I'D LICK YOU IF...

AW, PA! WAIT! I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM! THAT DUMB TEACHER...

SHUT UP! I'M GOIN' TO BEAT THE LIVIN' DAYLIGHTS OUTTA YE!

PLEASE, PA!



COME BACK HERE YOU NO GOOD BRAT!



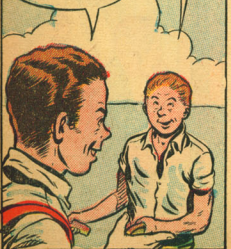
I'M FED UP WITH FARMIN'! I SHOULD THINK YOU'D BE, TOO, PETE! WHY DON'T COME TO NEW CITY WITH ME AN' REALLY START LIVIN'!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE RUNNIN' AWAY FROM HOME, LANK? GEE! I'D LIKE TO, BUT I AIN'T GOT NO MONEY!



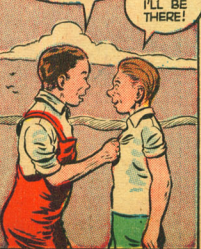
WHAT DO WE NEED MONEY FOR? WE GOT BRAINS! ONCE WE GET TO THE CITY WE CAN MAKE PLENTY! AN' GO TO SHOWS AN' FANCY RESTAURANTS!

GOSH! THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!



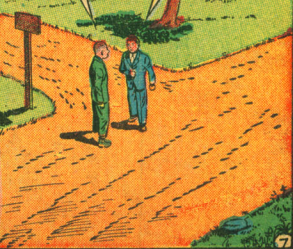
OKAY, IT'S A DEAL! I'M GONNA SNEAK BACK HOME AFTER DARK AN' GET MY GOOD CLOTHES! YOU DO THE SAME, AN' WE'LL MEET AT THE CROSS-ROADS AT TEN TONIGHT!

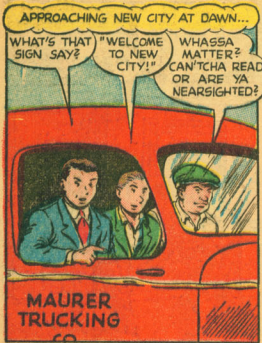
DON'T WORRY I'LL BE THERE!



I KINDA WISH I COULDA LEFT A NOTE FOR MOM BUT I FIGURED I BETTER NOT!

SURE WISH I'D HAD TIME TO SET OUT A BEAR TRAP FER THAT STINKIN' TEACHER! HERE COMES A TRUCK! WE'RE LUCKY!





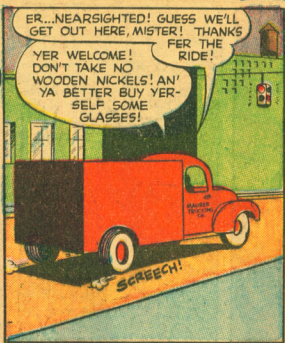
APPROACHING NEW CITY AT DAWN...

WHAT'S THAT SIGN SAY?

"WELCOME TO NEW CITY!"

WHASSA MATTER? CAN'TCHA READ OR ARE YA NEARSIGHTED?

MAURER TRUCKING CO.



ER...NEARSIGHTED! GUESS WE'LL GET OUT HERE, MISTER! THANKS FER THE RIDE!

YER WELCOME! DON'T TAKE NO WOODEN NICKELS! AN' YA BETTER BUY YER-SELF SOME GLASSES!

SCREECH!



WHY'D YOU SAY YOU HAD BUM EYES? YOU CAN SEE LIKE A HAWK!

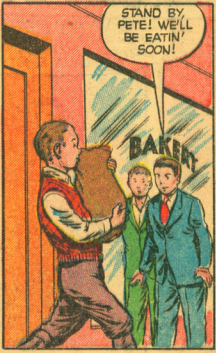
AW! HE WOULD'VE MADE FUN OF ME! HEY! LOOKIT THAT BAKERY WINDOW!



BOY! AM I HUNGRY! THOSE ROLLS SURE MAKE MY MOUTH WATER! GOT ANY DOUGH?

UH-HUH! ONLY NOT MUCH! THERE SHOULD BE SOME OTHER WAY!

BAKER



STAND BY, PETE! WE'LL BE EATIN' SOON!



UHP!



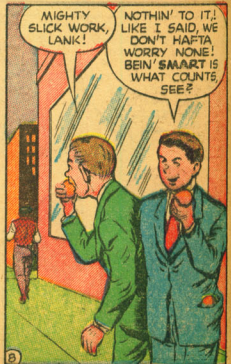
GEE, KID! I'M REALLY SORRY! IT WAS ALL MY FAULT! LEMME HELP YA PICK YER STUFF UP!

WHY, THANKS! I SHOULD'VE WATCHED WHERE I WAS GOIN'!



THERE! I GUESS THAT'S ALL!

THANKS AGAIN!



MIGHTY SLICK WORK, LANK!

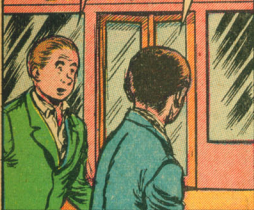
NOTHIN' TO IT! LIKE I SAID, WE DON'T HAFTA WORRY NONE! BEIN' SMART IS WHAT COUNTS, SEE?

THE SAME EVENING...

IT'S BEEN FUN SEEN! THE CITY BUT WE AIN'T LINED UP A JOB OR A PLACE TO SLEEP, AN' I'M HUNGRY AGAIN!

THERE'S NO RUSH! WE'LL MAKE OUT OKAY, BUT WE WANT TO FIND SOME SOFT RACKET! IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, LET'S GO IN HERE!

AUTOMATIC



DO WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY, LANK?

I GOT ABOUT FIFTY CENTS IN NICKLES! JUST COPY EVERYTHING I DO AN' YOU'LL EAT GOOD!



JUST COFFEE? GEE, LANK, CAN'T WE HAVE MORE THAN THIS?

SHUDDUP AN' QUIT WORRYIN'! I AIN'T THROUGH YET!



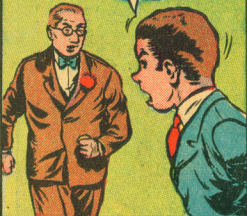
WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR DINNER! HEY! I WANT THE MANAGER!

HUH?



WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE TROUBLE, BOYS?

PLENTY! HERE WE WENT AN' BOUGHT TWO WHOLE DINNERS 'CEPT WE WENT BACK FOR COFFEE, AN' WHEN WE REACHED OUR TABLE, THE DINNERS WERE GONE!



ONE OF YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED BEHIND TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS! ALTHOUGH I WOULDN'T EXPECT ANYONE TO STEAL! WHAT DID YOU HAVE?

ER... SOUP... POT ROAST WITH POTATOES AN' CARROTS, APPLE PIE!



POT ROAST! WE DON'T HAVE THAT ON THE MENU!

HE MEANS STEW! BACK HOME FOLKS SPEAK OF IT AS POT ROAST SOME-TIMES!

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S THE SAME THING, ONLY THE MEATS CUT UP!



HEY! JOE! BRING THESE BOYS A COUPLA ORDERS OF SOUP, BEEF STEW AND APPLE PIE!

OKAY, BOSS! RIGHT AWAY!

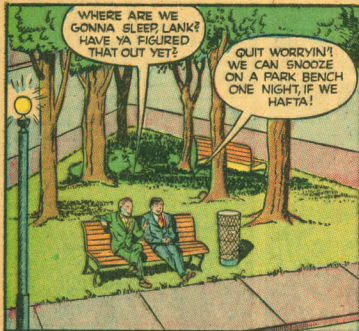
GEE, THANKS, MISTER! THAT'S REAL NICE OF YOU!



BOY, OH BOY! THAT TASTED GOOD! HOW'D YA EVER FIGURE OUT SUCH A NEAT RACKET?

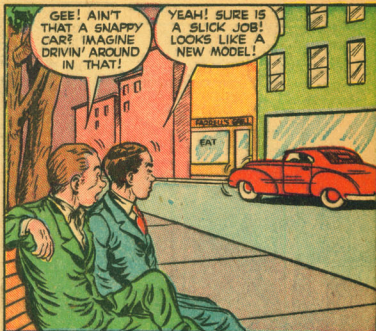
I'M SMART, THAT'S ALL! WHY WORK FER A LIVIN' WHEN YA CAN USE YOUR BRAINS!





WHERE ARE WE GONNA SLEEP, LANK? HAVE YA FIGURED THAT OUT YET?

QUIT WORRYIN'! WE CAN SNOOZE ON A PARK BENCH ONE NIGHT, IF WE HAFTA!



GEE! AIN'T THAT A SNAPPY CAR? IMAGINE DRIVIN' AROUND IN THAT!

YEAH! SURE IS A SLICK JOB! LOOKS LIKE A NEW MODEL!



MIGOSH! WOULDN'T YA THINK HE'D BE SCARED TO LEAVE IT THERE WITHOUT CLOSIN' THE WINDERS?

LET'S GO OVER AN' TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!



WHAT A DOPE! HE LEFT THE KEY IN THE IGNITION!

LET'S TAKE A SPIN IN IT!

WHAT! THAT'S STEALIN', LANK!



DON'T BE A MULE! I AIN'T STEALIN' IT! I ONLY WANNA TRY IT OUT! WE'LL BRING IT RIGHT BACK!

WELL, IF WE WON'T GET CAUGHT...

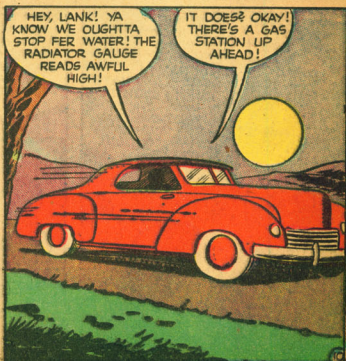


LOOKIT THIS STICKER HE'S GOT ON HERE!

WHAT'S IT SAY? YOU KNOW I CAN'T READ!



OH...ER...NOTHIN' SPECIAL! A LOTTA' STUFF ABOUT CITY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS!



HEY, LANK! YA KNOW WE OUGHTTA STOP FER WATER! THE RADIATOR GAUGE READS AWFUL HIGH!

IT DOES? OKAY! THERE'S A GAS STATION UP AHEAD!

YOU PUT WATER IN THE RADIATOR, PETE, WHILE I GO TO THE WASHROOM!

SURE! GO AHEAD, LANK!

FIFTY DOLLARS!
I'LL SHOW LANK WHO'S SMARTER!

\$50 REWARD FOR ANYONE FINDING THIS CRATE IN ANY GARAGE OR ADDRESS. THE CRATE CONTAINS THE CAR. CALLING THE POLICE WILL GET YOU TRAILING INTO YOUR CAR.

YOU GOT A PHONE AROUND HERE?

SURE! RIGHT INSIDE THE OFFICE!

AIN'TCHA THROUGH YET? I WANNA GET THIS CRATE BACK BEFORE THAT GUY MISSES IT!

HOLD YER HOSSES! I HAFTA PUT THE WATER IN SLOW SO IT WON'T CRACK THE RADIATOR!

WHO WAS IT THAT JUST PHONED HEADQUARTERS?

I DID!
THERE'S THE CAR!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON, PETE?

OKAY, WISE GUY, STEP OVER INTO THE SQUAD CAR! YOU HAVE A DATE AT HEAD-QUARTERS!

CAR STEALIN' AIN'T KID STUFF! YOU'LL TAKE A LONG RAP FOR THIS!

PETE! TELL 'EM I JUST BORROWED IT! TELL 'EM I WUZ GONNA TAKE IT BACK!

PETE AIN'T BACKIN' YOU UP, KID! PETE'S THE GUY THAT TURNED YOU IN! HE'S NO DOPE! HE'D RATHER HAVE THE FIFTY DOLLAR REWARD OFFERS ON THAT WINDSHIELD STICKER THAN...

WHY, YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! YOU KNEW I COULDN'T READ! WHEN I ASKED YOU WHAT IT SAID, YOU LIED JUST SO YOU COULD FRAME ME!

WHERE ARE YA TAKIN' ME? I AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'! ALL I WANT IS MY FIFTY BUCKS!

TAKE YOUR TIME, SONNY! YOU'LL GET IT, BUT WE HAVE TO HOLD YOU AS A MATERIAL WITNESS UNTIL THE TRIAL COMES UP!



YOUR REFUSAL TO COOPERATE AND GIVE YOUR RIGHT NAME AND DETAILS OF YOUR PAST LIFE LEAVES ME NO ALTERNATIVE! I SENTENCE YOU TO FIVE YEARS IN THE STATE REFORM SCHOOL!



I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, PETE! I'LL KILL YA WHEN I GET OUT!



AS FOR YOU, PETE, UNLESS YOU TELL US YOUR NAME AND HOME ADDRESS, I'LL HAVE TO COMMIT YOU TO THE CITY ORPHANAGE UNTIL YOU BECOME OF AGE!

IT AIN'T FAIR! GIMME MY FIFTY BUCKS AN' LET ME GO!



TELL ME HOW TO REACH YOUR FAMILY AND I'LL PUT YOU IN THEIR CUSTODY! OTHERWISE, IT'S THE ORPHANAGE! AS TO THE REWARD, IT WILL BE HELD IN TRUST FOR YOU!

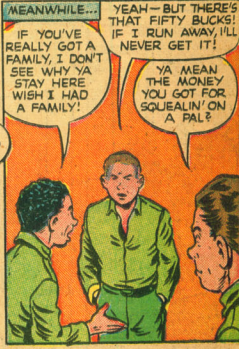
I AIN'T TALKIN'! I'D RATHER GO TO THE ORPHANAGE!



STILL BROODIN' OVER THE DOUBLE-CROSS YOUR PAL HANDED YA, HUH? WHY DON'TCHA WISE UP? WITH GOOD BEHAVIOR, YA COULD KNOCK A YEAR OFFA' YER TIME!

I'M GETTIN' OUT SOONER THAN THAT! I'M GONNA BREAK OUTTA HERE!

BIG TALK! IT AIN'T SO EASY!



MEANWHILE... IF YOU'VE REALLY GOT A FAMILY, I DON'T SEE WHY YA STAY HERE WISH I HAD A FAMILY!

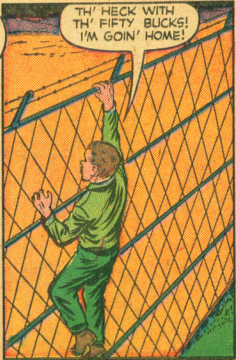
YEAH— BUT THERE'S THAT FIFTY BUCKS! IF I RUN AWAY, I'LL NEVER GET IT!

YA MEAN THE MONEY YOU GOT FOR SQUEALIN' ON A PAL?



IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T EVEN WANT IT! THAT WAS A DIRTY DEAL YOU PULLED! ANYWAY, I WOULDN'T STAY HERE FOR A THOUSAND BUCKS IF I HAD SOME PLACE ELSE TO GO!

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! THIS IS A LOUSY JOINT!



TH' HECK WITH TH' FIFTY BUCKS! I'M GOIN' HOME!

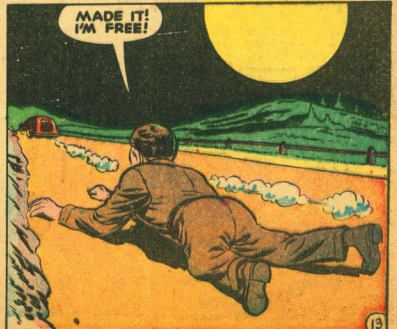
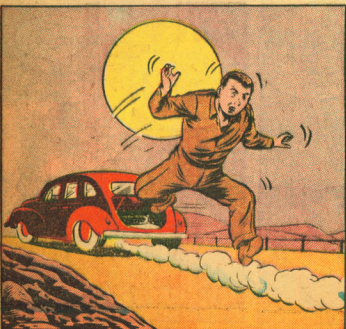
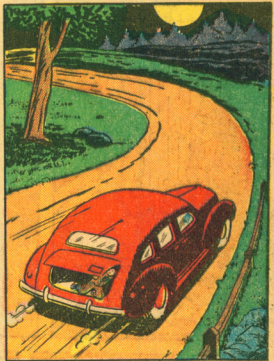
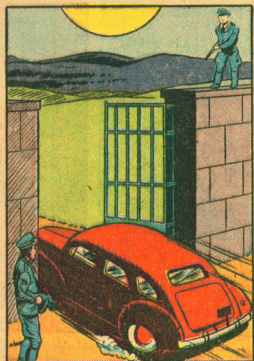
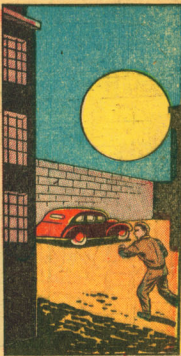


SIX MONTHS LATER AT THE REFORM SCHOOL...

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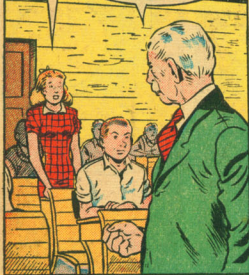
WHAT! YA STILL CAN'T READ? THERE'S GONNA BE A BIG PARTY TONIGHT WITH SOME REAL PEOPLE COMIN' TO ENTERTAIN!

CHRISTMAS PARTY Tonight at the MAIN HALL Special VAUDEVILLE STARS TO APPEAR



TWO DAYS LATER, AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE...

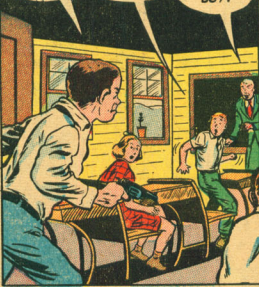
GOOD... GOODER... GOODEST!
NO, VERA! IT'S "GOOD, BETTER, BEST!" REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN...



I TOLD YA I'D COME BACK, PETE!

LANK!!

GREAT HEAVENS! PUT DOWN THAT GUN, BOY!

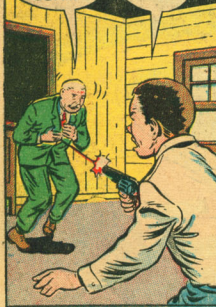


LANK! DON'T BE A FOOL!

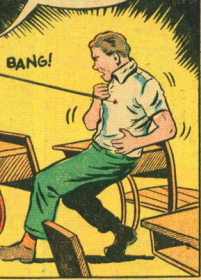
KEEP BACK! KEEP AWAY OR I'LL PLUG YOU, TOO!



NOW YOU LISTEN TO M... UGH...
I WARNED YA!



AN' HERE'S WHAT I PROMISED YOU, PETE! YA ROTTEN DOUBLE-CROSSER!



J...JOE... BILLY... GO GET HELP...



I'VE HUNTED THESE TRAILS SO MUCH I'D KNOW 'EM BLINDFOLDED! THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME! ONCE I GET TO LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, I'LL...

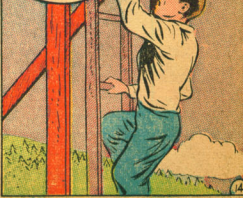


HIYA, KID! YOU LOST? NEED ANY HELP?

N..NO, I'M ;PUFF; OKAY! W..WOULDN'T MIND SOME GRUB, THOUGH! ;PUFF;



C'MON, UP! GLAD FOR THE COMPANY! GETS LONELY UP HERE! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ER... IT'S JOE!





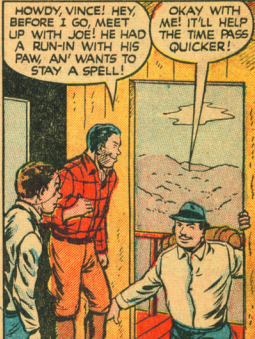
WISH I COULD STAY A DAY OR TWO, MISTER! HAD A FIGHT WITH THE OLD MAN, AN' I'D KINDA LIKE TO GIVE HIM TIME TO COOL OFF!

WHY, HECK, YES, JOE! I KNOW HOW IT IS! YOU'RE MORE'N WELCOME!



THEN, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
SOMEONE'S COMIN'!
I GOTTA...

SO IT IS! MY RELIEF MAN! I PLUMB FORGOT IT WAS FRIDAY! DON'T FRET YOURSELF, KID, HE'LL LET YA STAY!



HOWDY, VINCE! HEY, BEFORE I GO, MEET UP WITH JOE! HE HAD A RUN-IN WITH HIS PAW, AN' WANTS TO STAY A SPELL!

OKAY WITH ME! IT'LL HELP THE TIME PASS QUICKER!



WHAT'CHA GOT THERE, VINCE?

KNAPSACK! OH! THIS? NEWSPAPER! AIN'T HAD A CHANCE TO READ IT YET!



ER...ANYTHING SPECIAL IN IT? THAT BIG PRINT! WHAT'S IT SAY?

WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAN'T YOU READ?



NOT TOO GOOD! WHAT'S IT SAY?

IT SAYS... "BIG ACCIDENT IN COURTNEY! FOUR CAR CRASH ON MAIN STREET!"

ULSTER COUNTY NEWS
BOY MURDERS SCHOOLMATE HOOTS TEACHER
YOU'VE ASSASSIN BELIEVED HIDING OUT IN MOUNTAINS



IS THAT ALL? I MEAN— THAT'S TOUGH! PEOPLE OUGHTTA BE MORE CAREF...

BOY M
SCHOO
SHOOT

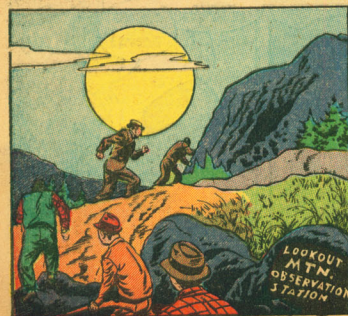
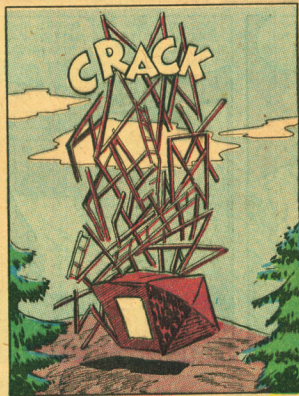
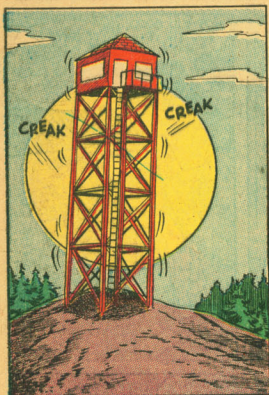
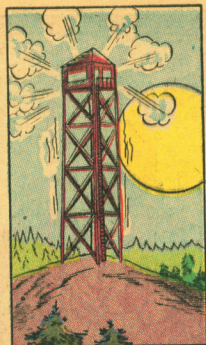


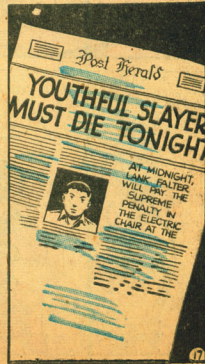
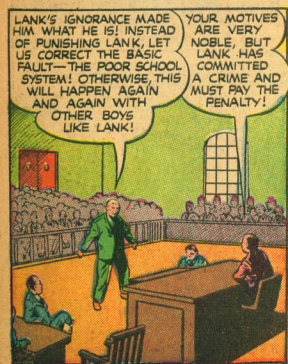
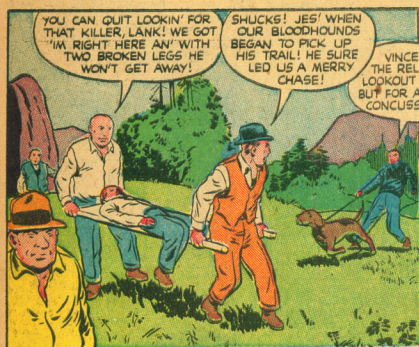
VICTIMS DOUBLE IN YESTERDAY'S SHOOTING



OPERATOR, LET ME HAVE HEAD-QUARTERS!

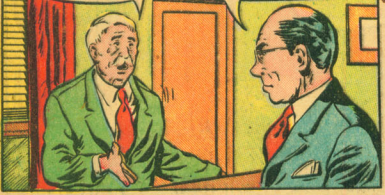
OH, NO YOU DON'T!





YOU MUST PARDON THE BOY, GOVERNOR! I FAILED HIM AS A TEACHER BUT I HAD NO SUPPORT! NO MATERIALS, NO FUNDS! YOU COULD HELP CORRECT THAT!

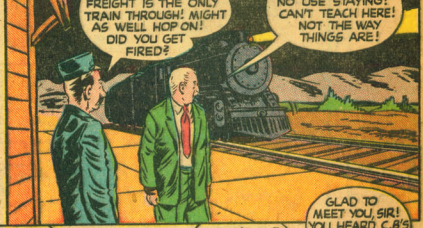
SORRY! MY HANDS ARE TIED! AND IT'S UP TO THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE BETTER LOCAL SCHOOLS BY HAVING HIGHER SCHOOL TAXES! TAKE MY ADVICE AND FORGET IT OR YOU'LL HAVE A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!



READY, LANK?

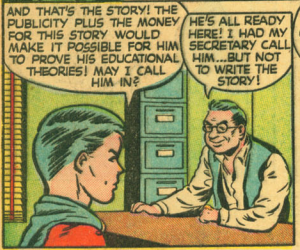


The TRAVELER
**LANK FALTER
 EXECUTED FOR
 MURDER OF
 PAL**



YOU LEAVIN'? THIS FREIGHT IS THE ONLY TRAIN THROUGH! MIGHT AS WELL HOP ON! DID YOU GET FIRED?

NO! BUT THERE'S NO USE STAYING! CAN'T TEACH HERE! NOT THE WAY THINGS ARE!



AND THAT'S THE STORY! THE PUBLICITY PLUS THE MONEY FOR THIS STORY WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO PROVE HIS EDUCATIONAL THEORIES! MAY I CALL HIM IN?

HE'S ALL READY HERE! I HAD MY SECRETARY CALL HIM...BUT NOT TO WRITE THE STORY!



HUH? BUT WHO ELSE COULD WRITE IT AS WELL AS HE COULD!

YOU!..WAIT AN' SEE! DID YOU GET IT ALL, MISS BURKE?

YES, CHIEF! THE LAST PAGE IS BEING TYPED! AND MR. KEAN IS HERE!



THERE'S THE STORY, CHIEF! AND THIS IS MR. KEAN!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, SIR! YOU HEARD C.B.'S STORY! HOW'D IT SOUND?

SPLENDID! COULDN'T HAVE DONE HALF AS WELL MYSELF!



NOW IF YOU'LL SIGN THIS RELEASE, I'LL GIVE YOU A CHECK FOR \$5,000 FOR THE STORY! HOW DO YOU WANT IT MADE OUT?

YOU MEAN JUST FOR TELLING THE STORY? WELL, OKAY, MAKE IT OUT TO MR. KEAN!



SAY, ISN'T THAT THE TEACHER WE CAUGHT RIDIN' THE RAILS?

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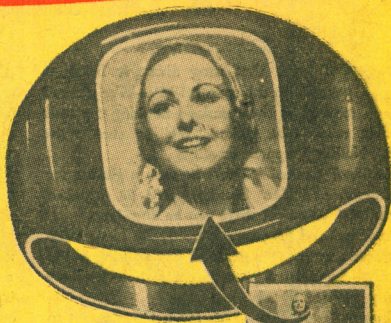
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SO PEACEFUL IN THE COUNTRY

A Daredevil Story

WYOU know that song about it being so peaceful in the country?" Pee-Wee glanced around at the meadows flanking the little winding road as he spoke. "Well—it sure is the truth. Nothing happens at all!"

Daredevil grinned. "Don't be such a glutton for excitement, Pee-Wee. Besides, you'd be surprised how much excitement there can be anywhere."

Daredevil and his young cohorts, the Little Wise Guys, were spending a peaceful day walking in the country—an unusual procedure for those who are usually pursued by adventure.

"I agree," said Jock. "It's much too pleasant to even think of excitement. There's only one thing I'd like right now, and that's some of that cold, icy country spring-water."

"Maybe you'll get your wish," answered *Daredevil*. "There's a farmhouse up the road that appears to be just the place to look for it."

A moment later the little group straggled up the driveway and towards the back yard of a neat white building. Several cars were parked on the grass, but no one was in sight.

"Guess we'd better knock at the kitchen door," said *Daredevil*, but as they approached, he stopped suddenly. "Wait a minute — sounds like someone crying!"

Jock pointed. "Right you are," he said quietly. "Look over there."

Following his leveled finger, the others saw a pretty young girl hunched over at the bottom of the steps, evidently in the depths of despair. As they drew nearer, she raised a tear-stained face.

"They—they all went out to the south pasture," she sobbed, "the sheriff and all."

Daredevil frowned and spoke quietly. "The Sheriff? What's the trouble, Miss?"

The girl stared. "Why, don't you know? It's—it's Billy. He's—dead! And we were going to be married. He went hunting with—with Martin, and

there was an accident, and now he's—he's gone!"

Daredevil's voice was gentle, but his eyes were alert. "Who's Martin? A friend of Billy's?"

The girl's dazed face showed surprise at the question. "Why, Martin's the hired hand who works for Daddy. He asked me to marry him once, too." She glanced away. "But Martin's not quite right up here." Then looking back at *Daredevil*, she said, "Oh, yes—he was Billy's friend. People thought he might be mad at Billy about me—but Martin took a shine to Billy after Billy got out of the Army. They were great friends. But now Billy—he was only home two months, and—"

But *Daredevil* was no longer listening. With a curt, "Come on, fellows!" he was off in the direction the girl had pointed, his long strides forcing the Little Wise Guys to trot along after him.

Five minutes and several fields later, a tense little tableau was presented to *Daredevil* and the Little Wise Guys. Several men, one of them leaning against a fence in a pose of utter dejection, stood grouped around a body on the ground. He had been a handsome boy, but now he lay still in death, his body naked to the waist, fresh white bandages gleaming uselessly on his back and chest.

As *Daredevil* and the boys approached, the dejected man was speaking. *Daredevil* waved the Wise Guys to silence and stood quietly listening.

"It's like I told Jim and Fred here, Sheriff," the man was saying. "We'd been out an hour or so, Billy and me, and I'd missed some good shots. I was kinda mad. So when this here rabbit jumped outa the grass, I was sure gonna get him." He waved his blunt hands, greasy with a film of gun oil, at a double barrelled shot-gun leaning against the fence beside him. *Daredevil* frowned warningly at Pee-Wee, who was busily engaged in climbing to the top of the stone fence to gain a better view of the proceedings.

The hired man wiped the perspiration from his

head, his hand leaving a streak of oil on his forehead, and continued. "Well, ol' Betsy jammed. She don't often do that, but just the same I got real mad. People say I ain't very smart, and I guess they're right. I got so excited I was a-diggin' down into ol' Betsy's chamber, bent on loosenin' them shells, and—well, I guess I musta been wavin' her around some. Anyway, just as I got my hand out, both barrels went off—just like that. I heard Billy kinda grunt, an' I looked up, and he was fallin'—an' then I knew I'd done shot him!"

The men in the little group shook their heads. "Sure was bad luck, Martin," said one of them. "Did he—was he dead right then?"

"Well, I don't know exactly," answered Martin. "I couldn't tell. I didn't know just what was right to do. Seemed so far back to the house, I figured on helpin' if I could. I took Billy's kit of bandages an' fixed him like you see, and then I started for the house to call the Doc. That's when I met Jim here. So Jim, he went to call, an' I come back here to be with Billy. An' then you come, Sheriff, and Doc Fred here—an'—an' that's all, I guess. I shore feel bad, though—guess I'm awful dumb."

"Just a moment—one question!" At the sound of the sharp voice, the men turned, startled. Before they had a chance to speak, *Daredevil* continued. "Did you, at any time since helping Billy, handle your gun?"

Martin shifted uneasily. "Why, no—she's been there against the wall since I put 'er down to fix Billy up. I kinda didn't like to touch 'er, after—"

The Sheriff's hearty voice interrupted. "Why, if it isn't *Daredevil*! What are you doing way out here, friend?"

"Trying to see a little justice done right now, Sheriff," answered *Daredevil*. "I intend to arrest Martin for murder!"

The Sheriff stared. "Murder! Well, now, Martin isn't quite right, maybe, but he's harmless. Murder, now—"

"He's as harmless as a rattler!" *Daredevil's* eyes flashed sparks. "He's a homicidal maniac! Look at his hands—and look at those bandages! They're perfectly clean! If he'd dirtied them digging into his gun, and then applied the bandages, they'd be filthy with oil. He killed Billy in a fit of jealousy over that girl, and made up this sickly story."

"No use arguing, Sheriff," interrupted a drawling voice, cold with venomous hate. Back by the wall stood Martin, the twin barrels of his shotgun pointing steadily at the frozen group before him.

"That *Daredevil* is toq smart to be fooled—I've heard all about him," continued the killer. "But nobody ain't smart enough to argue with a shotgun at ten feet." His face wrinkled into a terrible caricature of a smile.

"I'm gonna slide over ~~the~~ wall," he said, "an' nobody better try to stop me!" Carefully his left hand felt behind him over the waist-high wall, searching for a firm grip preparatory to hoisting his body to the top of the wall. As his fingers found their hold somewhere on the other side of the wall, his voice turned to that of a maniac. "I'll be waitin' on the other side for the first one over," he mumbled. "An' if anybody moves now, I might even hit one of them kids—wouldn't that be too bad?"

Martin tensed his body for the leap to the top of the wall—and then suddenly he gave a howl of surprised pain! The barrel of the gun snapped high in the air as he jerked his other hand from behind the wall.

That fraction of a second was all that was necessary. That's all that's ever necessary when *Daredevil* goes into action. There was the flash of a body across the space dividing the men and the maniac, a sharp slap as the gun flew from Martin's hand, and the splat of a steel fist on bone. The killer smashed against the wall, and slumped to the ground, unconscious.

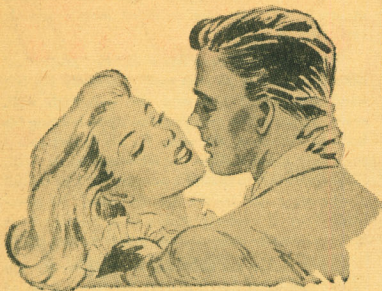
"Better watch this one closely, Sheriff," said *Daredevil*, as he reached a helping hand to the little figure climbing over the wall. "I told you he was dangerous!"

A few minutes later, back on the road, Pee-Wee turned excited eyes on *Daredevil*. "Gosh, he was a mean one, wasn't he? Made me shiver to listen to him!"

Daredevil grinned down at his little friend. "He certainly was," he answered, "but tell me, my little warrior—just how did you happen to be behind that wall?"

Pee-Wee looked sheepish. "Well, you know I got up there to see better, and when you were telling why he was a murderer I got excited and fell off. Before I could get back up again, I heard him talking, and then I saw his hand on the wall—so I just bashed his fingers with a rock!"

Daredevil tousled the little head beside him affectionately. "And a good thing you did, too," he said. "Very nice work. Now, what was it we were talking about before we got mixed up in that mess? Oh, yes. Pee-Wee, you were complaining about it being so peaceful in the country—weren't you?"



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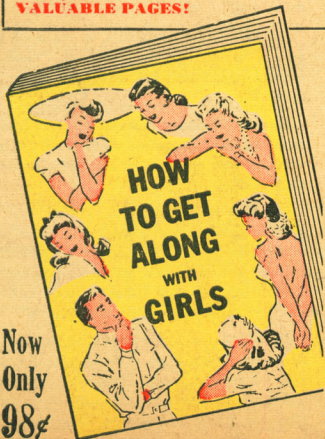
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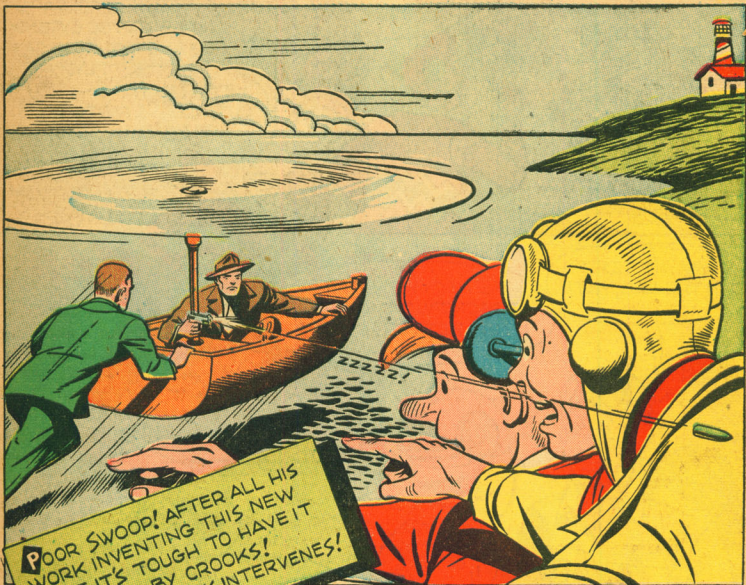
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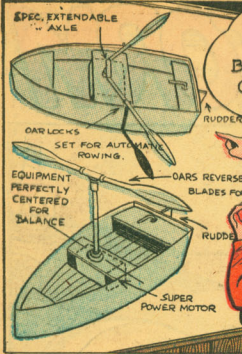
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IT'S NOT AN ORDINARY ONE!

LOOKS ORDINARY ENOUGH TO ME!

IT'S NOT ALL ASSEMBLED YET! COME INSIDE AND SEE THE PLANS.





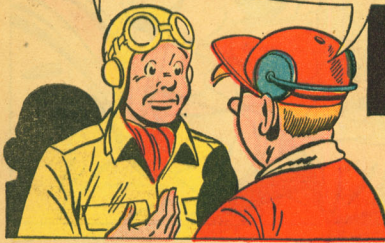
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THE SHAFT WHICH IS COLLAPSIBLE, CAN BE EXTENDED AND THE BOAT CAN FLY.

LET'S TRY IT OUT! ALL THE PARTS ARE READY.

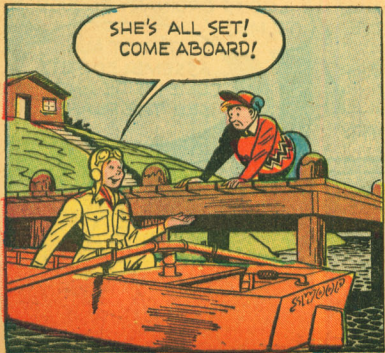
I HAVEN'T TESTED IT IN THE LAB, YET!

THE HECK WITH THAT! A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION IS BETTER! C'MON!

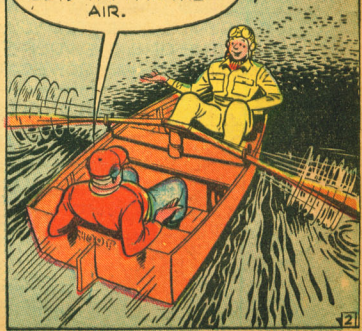


SO SHE'S JUST AN ORDINARY BOAT, IS SHE?

NOT BAD, SWOOP.. NOT BAD AT ALL. NOW, LET'S TRY IT IN THE AIR.

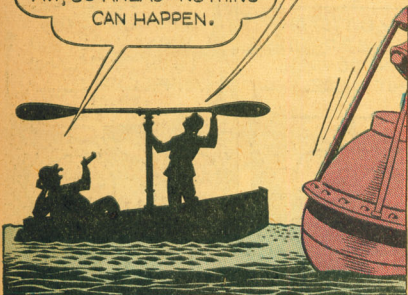


SHE'S ALL SET! COME ABOARD!



I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THIS PART.

AW, GO AHEAD - NOTHING CAN HAPPEN.

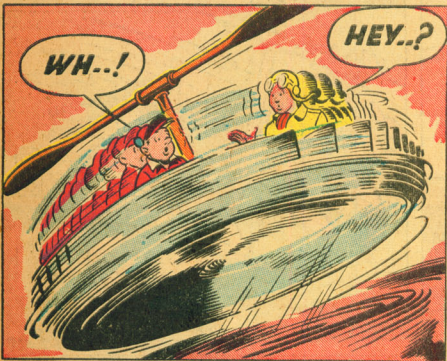


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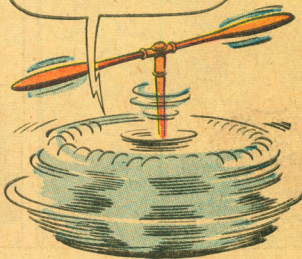


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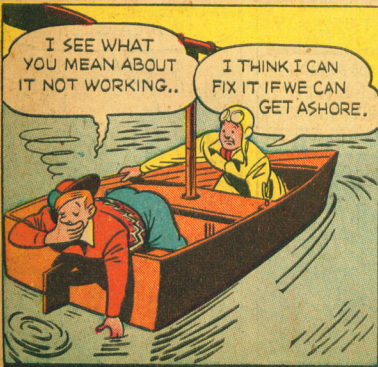


O-O-O-H!! TURN IT OFF, I'M SO DIZZY I'M GETTING SEA-SICK.



I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN ABOUT IT NOT WORKING..

I THINK I CAN FIX IT IF WE CAN GET ASHORE.

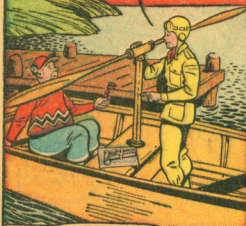


I'LL PUT IN AT THIS LITTLE ISLAND. I'M SURE I CAN CORRECT THE TROUBLE.

JUST BE SURE. I DON'T WANT ANOTHER WHIRL.



HAND ME THAT
WRENCH, WINKIE!



HEY, SLUG! THERE'S OUR
TRANSPORTATION!

YEAH, BITTSY, AN
I KNOW THE FIRST THING
I'M GONNA DO WHEN
WE HIT SHORE.



WHAT'S THAT SLUG?

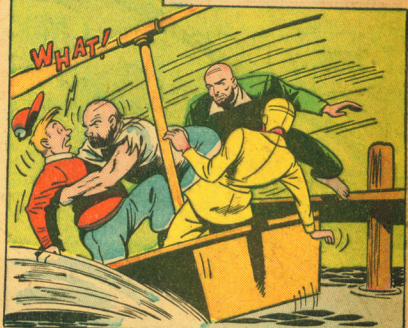
I'M GONNA GET
THAT DOUBLE-CROSS-
IN' HOT SHOT GANG
WHAT MAROONED
US ON THIS ISLAND
AN' FILL 'EM FULLA
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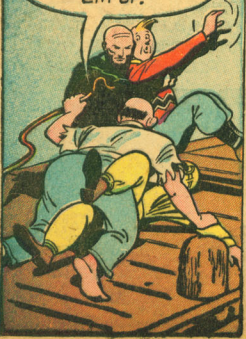
THINK THAT'S
THE TROUBLE?



WHAT!



HERE'S ROPE...TIE
'EM UP!

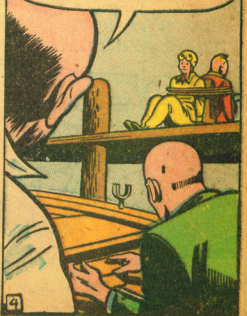


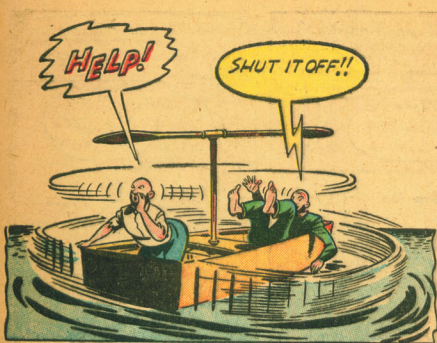
OKAY BOYS WHERE'S THE
SWITCH ON THIS BOAT?

RIGHT ON THE
ENGINE.
ONLY IT'S NOT
WORKING RIGHT.



DAT'S OKAY...WE'LL TAKE
A CHANCE.

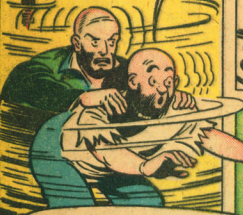
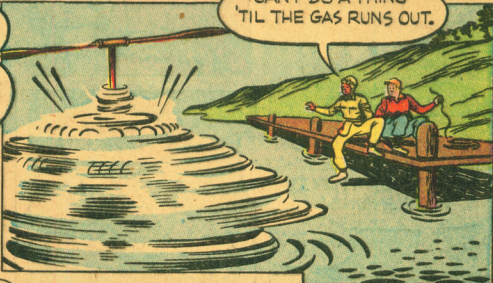




NO! DON'T JUMP, BITTSY!
THE BOAT'LL BASH YOUR
BRAINS IN.

**I'D RATHER
BE DEAD THAN
LIKE THIS.**

**CAN'T DO A THING
'TIL THE GAS RUNS OUT.**



THEY MUST FEEL AWFUL!

**LUCKY THEY'RE UN-
CONSCIOUS! WE CAN GET
THEIR GUNS BEFORE THEY
WAKE UP.**

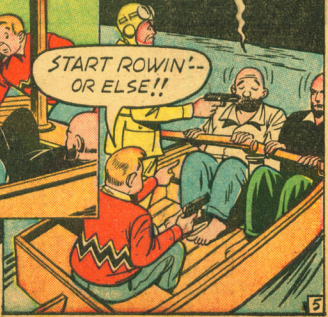
OKAY! START ROWIN'!

**IM SO WEAK
I CAN HARDLY
SIT UP..**

**PROBABLY
PASSED OUT BY
NOW.**



**START ROWIN'--
OR ELSE!!**



LAND'S SAKE! BITTISY MALONE AND SLUG BROPHY! SEEMS LIKE THE FEDERAL BOYS WANT TO SEE YOU!

DATS OKAY WID ME!! ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN DIS CRAZY BOAT.

SHORE! ALL YE WANT.

YA GOT ANY SPARE GAS, SHERIFF?

THANKS A LOT, SHERIFF! OKAY WINKIE, WE CAN TAKE OFF...

ARE YOU SURE?

GET ALONG.

NOW WHY WOULDN'T THAT CONTRAPTION WORK FOR US? OF ALL THE ROTTEN BREAKS! I'D STILL FEEL SAFER IN JAIL!

HOLD UP A SECOND, SHERIFF! I'D KINDA LIKE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY START THAT ENGINE!

ME TOO!

BYE!

AND THAT'S JUST WHERE YOU'RE GOING! COME ALONG!

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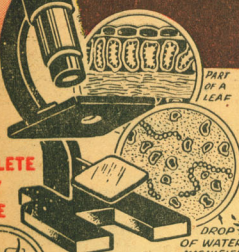
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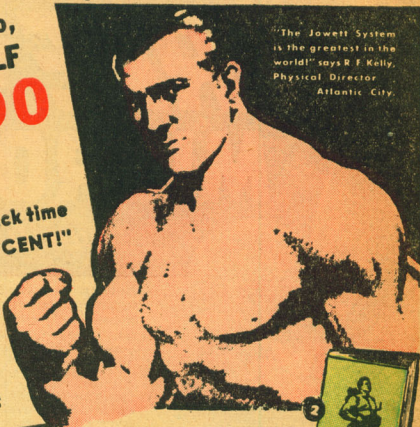
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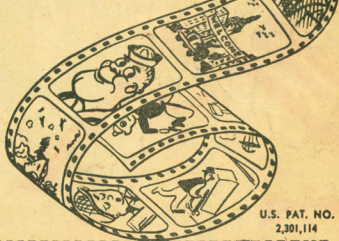
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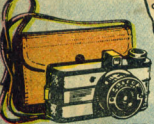
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